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Box 27

January 1, 1848 – December 31, 1848
General Correspondence

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RG104 E-1 Box 27

Philadelphia Jan'y 31. 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, apprizing me, that I have been designated by the President of the United States as one of the Commissioners to attend the next annual meeting at the Point.

I shall entirely avail myself of the opportunity to accept the appointment, and to attend at the Point at the time specified by you.

I am, Sir,
with the greatest respect,
Your faithful servant,
Robt. Patterson

Dr R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, ~~Jan~~ Feb. 21, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed communication, from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that you have been designated by the President of the United States, as one of the Commissioners to attend the ~~next~~ Annual Assay at the Mint, which is to be held on Monday, the ~~[illegible]~~ 14th proximo, at 9½ o'clock, (the date being a mistake.)

I pray you to inform me whether, (as I sincerely hope,) it will suit your convenience to accept this appointment; and if it be so, I beg that you will let me know, on your arrival at Philadelphia, where I may wait upon you. ~~Let me hope that your coming may not be later than Saturday.~~

I send herewith a copy of the laws regarding the Mint, and a small pamphlet, in which I have explained the processes of assay practised.

It may be proper to state that your expenses will be paid.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.
Dr.

To
Prof. E. N. Horsford,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Treasury Department
January 29th 1848.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst. I have to inform you that Professors Robley Dunglison of the Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia, James B. Rogers of the University of Pa. Philada and E. N. Horsford of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. have been appointed to attend the annual assay at the Mint on the 7th proximo.

The letters of appointment are herewith transmitted to you.

Very respectfully
Wm. M. Gwin
Actg. Secretary of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

29 January 1847.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James N. Snowden Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

New Haven — Jany 28. 1848

Dear Sir —

Having a second edition on Mineralogy in the press, I am desirous of obtaining from the latest information as to the annual yield of our country in the precious metals, and the proceeds of different regions. I take the liberty of addressing you to request that you will allow one of your clerks to give me such facts as you may have at the mint. And I would also inquire whether you may have any recent publication that will give the yield of other countries in the different metals. A reply on these points would place me under very great obligations

Your Obedt. Servt.

James D. Dana

Robert M. Patterson Esq.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Mint U.S. Jan. 28, 1848.

Sir,

I send enclosed the statement ~~&~~ which I promised in my letter of yesterday. It shows, in detail, the position of all the items of which the U.S. bullion fund is composed.

The first item, of $13,423.81, due from the ordinary fund, is required to replace the loss by wastage in the bullion fund; and owing to the fraud committed by the Clerk in charge of the former of these funds, the amount in question cannot be paid, without an appropriation for the purpose.

~~In the present of paying thought the effect operation by coinage~~ You will see that there is the balance of $133,228.55.

~~The assay pieces, amounting to $11,405.10 cannot be available till after the Annual Assay on the 7th of February.~~

You will see that of the $748,133.73 which constitute the available bullion fund, ~~you will observe that~~ $543,255.68 is in coin in the ~~[illegible]~~ hands of the Treasurer, and ~~that~~ $204,878.05 is with the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner; [a very large amount deposited with the Treasurer] when the operations at all comparable with those of the past year, the amount of bullion uncoined ~~in [illegible]~~ it could

(included in the annual assay)

~~the pressure on the Mint~~ would be necessarily much greater. Should a large deposite be brought for coinage, say of $100,000, — it could not be promptly paid without such amount, being kept in coins in the hands of the Treasurer of the U.S. Bullion fund. I think therefore that $300,000 ought to be the minimum amount left with in the Mint, ~~if possible~~ except in a case of urgent necessity.

R. M. P.
Dir.

To/
McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treasury.

P. S. — I made a requisition on the Department, on the 22d inst., for $2000, to pay the wages of Workmen; and a draft for the amount has not yet been received. As the delay is unusual, some apprehensions are felt in the order. Excuse me then for thus calling your attention to it.

Melter & Refiners Bal. of Gold	714.665	= $13,296.10	
" " " " Silver	21,942.750	25,533.38	
C. Coiners " " Gold	4,655.001	86,604.65	05
" " " Silver	6,698.325	7,794.42	
Gold Coins		378,322.50	
Silver do		164,933.18	
Gold deposites in Vault	3982.193	74,087.31	
Silver do " do	6192.75	7,206.10	
Gold Coins res.d for Assaying		11,285.00	
Silver do " " do		120.10	
		$ 769,182.74	05

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Em of

United States Bullion Account

$761,728.05

Am gold coin $283,659.51
" Silver coin 148,365.66
" gold bullion 259,814.43
" Silver bullion 56,264.64

To the debit of Profit
& Loss, to be accounted
for the Ordinance fund) 13,623.81 761,728.05

January 22nd 1845

761,728.05
657.42
70.63

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Mint U.S. Phil. Jan. 27/48

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made in your letter of yesterday, I think I can safely say, that with the present Reduced Coinage at the Mint, we might, with a Government deposite of $300,000, and perhaps less, continue to pay the deposites without delay.

It was my desire to have presented with this letter, a Statement showing the exact position of all the gold and silver now in the Mint. I find, however, that this cannot be satisfactorily done, in time for the present mail.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
A. McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
Dec 26. 1846

Sir

Permit me to enquire whether the coinage at the Mint is such as to require you to keep on hand so large a sum on bullion account as $5 a 600.000?

Under the present state of things it is doubtful whether the Treasury can spare more than from $2 to 3000000.

I take occasion to suggest that when an appointment is made of Clerk to the Treasurer of the Mint whether it would not be well to increase the penalty of his Bond to about $20.000.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
Mc Clintock
Act. Sec. of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Jan. 26, 1848.

~~Sir~~, Gentlemen,

The box containing Hayti coins ~~was~~ delivered at the Mint this morning, with your letter of yesterday requesting that they should be coined ~~into~~ here. I regret to state that we have found ourselves under the necessity of declining to receive these Hayti coins. We have found them to be very base, not reaching above 60 per cent of silver; and we have found also that the alloy is not of copper alone, but that it has other metals which ~~make the coin unfit to be coined~~ add greatly to the difficulty and expense of their ~~of making them fit for~~ coinage. They belong in fact to the class of base silver which should be ~~given~~ submitted to the processes used by the professional Refiners, ~~before they could be presented to~~ before the silver which they contain can be properly ~~treated~~ prepared for coinage.

The box has been ~~again placed~~ in the hands of Adams & Co., to be ~~returned~~ to you.

R. M. P.
Dir.

To/
Messrs. Meyer & Stucker,
New York.

Providence Jany 25. 1848

James Ross Snowden Esq

Treas U.S. Mint

Sir

Annexed we hand bill of 27 kegs planchets, shipped per Brig Michigan, from Boston, and enclose B/Lading of the same —

Yours

Very Respy

Crocker Bros & Co

Southern Magnetic Telegraph.

The following communication was received at this office, at 1 2o'clock, 10 min. P. M.
Dated, Washington Jany 15 1848.

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Send by telegraph the names of the persons recommended by you for commissioners of the Annual Assay —

M. C. Young
Treasy Dept.

17/50

Mint U.S. Phil. Jan. 22/48

Sir,

We have now in the Mint of gold coin the amount of $283,659; and the Chief Coiner will make a delivery to the Treasurer, early next week, of about $100,000. With the moderate deposites that are now receiving, I think that you might withdraw $200,000 without interfering with the prompt payment of depositors.

R.M.P.

McClintock Young
Actg Secy of the Treasy

Copy.

To the credit of

United States Bullion Account

$761,728.05

Due from Ordinary Fund Coin on deposite 29.49

" Balance Profit & Loss. $13,02381

$761,757.54

Cr.

Mints & Refineries a/c of Gold $13,296.10

do a/c of Silver 25,633.38 38,829.48

Chief Coiners a/c of Gold, $ 86,604.65

do a/c of Silver 7,794.42 94,399.07

Gold Coinage $378,322.50

Silver Coinage 164,933.18 543,255.68

Restored Gold Coins, $11,285.0

Restored Silver Coins 125.10 11,405.10

Gold Deposites $74,087.31

Silver Deposites 7,206.10 81,293.41 635,951.19

782,806.55

Due to Depositors:

Gold. $18,310.45

Silver. 2,738.56 21,049.01

761,75754 $761,757.54

January 27, 1847.

CIRCULAR

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Treasury Department, (including the Superintendent of the Coast Survey;) the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers of the United States; Directors, Superintendents, and Treasurers of Mints; Marshals; Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices; Depositaries of Public Money and Disbursing Agents; Collectors, Naval Officers, Surveyors, and Appraisers of the Customs; and Officers commanding Revenue Vessels.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 21, 1848.

Sir: You are requested to forward to this Department, with as little delay as possible, copies of any circular instructions addressed to you by the Secretary of the Treasury, of a date subsequent to the 4th March, 1845, and not comprehended in the list herewith transmitted.

Respectfully,

McCLINTOCK YOUNG,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

To The Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

List of Circular Instructions, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, of a date subsequent to 4th March, 1845.

To Depositaries of Public Money, -	1845, Mar.	Instructions, with forms.
To Officers of Revenue Marine, -		Regulations for the government of Engineers.
" " " - -	18	On Dress of Officers.
" " " - -	20	On Armament, &c. of Revenue Vessels.
To Register of Treasury, - -	Apr. 1	In relation to Public Stock.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	1	Decisions on Revenue Questions.
" " - -	10	On Drawback on Goods to Chihuahua and Santa Fe.
" " - -	15	On Appointment of Subordinates.
To Officers of Revenue Marine, -	15	Instructions on Armament of Revenue Vessels.
To Officers of Customs and others, -	16	Enquiries on Statistics.—First series of questions.
" " " -	May 15	Decisions on Revenue Questions.
To Public Officers, under direction of the Secretary, - - - -	— June 13	On Retrenchment in Postage.
" " " -	20	On prompt rendition of Returns, &c.
To Register of Treasury, - -	July 18	Instructions.—Transfer of Stocks.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	29	On Intercourse with Texas.
To Officers of the Customs and U. S. Consuls, - - - - -	Aug. 20	On Verification of Invoices.

To Officers of the Customs, - -	1845, Sept. 11	On Importations of Coffee from the Netherlands.
To Officers of the Customs & others,	25	Enquiries on Statistics.—Second series of questions.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	Oct. 3	Decision on Importations of Wool.
" " - -	8	On Postage.—See Circular, 13 June, 1845.
" " - -	9	On Storage of Goods.
" " - -	Nov. 29	On Allowance to Fishing Vessels.
" " - -	1846, Jan. 9	On Intercourse with Texas.
" " - -	15	On Allowanee for Leakage, &c.
To Marshals, - - - - -	Feb. 23	Enquiries.—Number and cost of prisoners, &c.
To Collectors of the Customs, - -	25	On Drawback on Goods to Chihuahua and Santa Fe.
" " - -	28	On Convention with Great Britain.
To Public Officers, acting under direction of the Secretary, - -	Mar. 18	On Moneys received from Fines, Penalties, &c.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	Apr. 1	On Marine Signals.
" " - -	28	On Deposite of Public Money.
" " - -	29	On Shipping Articles between Masters and Crews.
" " - -	June 11	On Intercourse with Mexico.
" " - -	13	On Foreign Coins; with act of May 22, 1846.
" " - -	19	Decision on Tools of Trade; Models of Machinery.
" " - -	20	On Importation of Articles from British adjacent possessions.
" " - -	25	Expenses of Marine Hospital.
" " - -	30	On Intercourse with Mexico.
To Marshals, - - - - -	July, 1	On Disbursements, under acts of 18th May, 1842, and 3d March, 1845.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	Aug. 10	On Canal Boats, under act of 20th July, 1846.
" " - -	14	On Warehousing, under act of 6th August, 1846.
" " - -	15	On Convention with Great Britain.
" " - -	16	On Importation of Coffee from the Netherlands.—Act August 13, 1846.
" " - -	18	On Treaty with the Two Sicilies.
" " - -	25	On Exportation of Goods, in view of act of 30th July, 1846.
" " - -	25	In relation to Treasury Notes, paid for public dues.
To Officers Collecting, Receiving, & Disbursing, - - - -	— (25)	On Act of 6th August, 1846, establishing Constitutional Treasury.
To Receivers, Treasurer of Mint and Branch Mints; Assistant Treasurers, Disbursing Agents, and Officers of the Government of U.S.	— 25	On Act of 6th August, 1846, establishing Constitutional Treasury.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	Sept. 9	On Drawbacks.—British adjacent possessions, act 8th August, 1846.
To Officers of the Customs and Receivers of Public Moneys, - -	— 15	On Annual Estimates, under resolution of Congress.
To Officers of the Customs of certain Ports and certain Receivers, -	15	On Payments for Patents.
To Naval Officers, certain Surveyors, Registers of Land Offices, Directors and Superintendents of Mints	15	On examinations, &c. under act establishing Constitutional Treasury.
To Collectors, Receivers, Treasurer of U. S., Assistant Treasurers, Treasurer of Mint, Philadelphia; Treasurers of Branch Mints, -	— 15	On Act establishing Constitutional Treasury.

To Officers of the Customs, - -	1846, Oct. 23	On Intercourse with Yucatan, Mexico.
" " - -	30	Amendatory to Circular of 14 March, 1846: Warehousing Act.
" " - -	Nov. 25	Instructions, with Tariff Act of 30th July, 1846.
" " - -	28	On Frauds, by under valuation.
To Collecting, Receiving, and Disbursing Officers of the U. S. -	Dec. 3	On Constitutional Treasury, act of 6th August, 1846.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	8	On Intercourse with Mexico.
" " - -	16	On Intercourse with Mexico.
" " - -	22	On Registered, Enrolled, and Licensed vessels.
To Officers corresponding with Treasury Department, - - -	1847, Jan. 15	To be governed by Instructions of 16th March, 1843.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	Feb. 1	On Returns of Imports, &c.
" " - -	17	Decision.—Drawback on Refined Sugar.
" " - -	19	Decision.—Duty on Bags, with Grain.
To Assistant Treasurers, - -	Mar. 17	On funding Treasury Notes.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	17	On Passenger Vessels.
" " - -	22	On Intercourse with Yucatan, Mexico.
" " - -	24	Allowanee on Leakage, &c.
" " - -	Apr. 7	On Intercourse with Mexico.—Tariff of Military Contributions.
" " - -	8	On Storage of Goods.
" " - -	12	Decision on exemption of Effects.
To Collector of Boston, - -	May 10	Intercourse with California.
To Collector of the Customs, - -	13	On Passenger Vessels.
" " - -	20	On Passenger Vessels.
" " - -	27	On Allowance on Molasses.
" " - -	June 10	Modifications of the Mexican Tariff of Military Contributions, recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury, and adopted by the President.
" " - -	12	On Additional or Penal Duty.
To Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices, - - - -	17	On Examinations and Reports to be made.
To Agents for Florida Claims, -	21	On Claims for Interest.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	July 1	Warehousing Act of 6th August, 1846.
" " - -	6	On Appraisements.
" " - -	20	On Marking goods.
" " - -		On Expenditures on account of Revenue Vessels.
To Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices, - - - -	Aug. 25	On transmission of Treasury Notes.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	Sept. 1	Decision.—Manufactures for Boots, Shoes, & Buttons.
" " - -	22	On Passenger Vessels.
To Officers Com'dg Revenue Vessels,	Oct. 8	On Expenditures.
" " " -		On allowance of Rations.
To Officers of the Customs, - -	11	On importations of Coffee from Brazil.
" " - -	30	On employment of Confidential Inspectors.
" " - -	Nov. 1	On Retrenchment of Expenses.
" " - -	1	On Expenditures of Revenue Marine.
" " - -	5	Modification in Tariff of Mexican Military Contributions, recommended by the Secretary, and adopted by the President.
" " - -	6	On decision of U. S. Circuit Court.—United States vs. Ship Recorder.

To Officers of the Customs, - -	1847, Nov.	9	On compensation, &c. of Inspectors, &c.
" " - -		13	On Refunding excess of Duties.
" " - -		15	On Exports to Mexico.
" " - -		15	On Compensation, &c. of Inspectors, &c.
" " - -		16	Augmentation in the Tariff of Mexican Military Contributions, recommended by the Secretary, and adopted by the President.
" " - -	Dec.	4	On Estimates of Expenses in collecting the Revenue.
To Registers and Receivers of Public Land Offices, - - - -		6	Instructions as to Special Duties.
To Officers of the Customs, - -		30	On Decisions of the U. S. Circuit Courts.

February 1848

Treasury Department
June 21. 1838.

Sir

Be pleased to inform me by return Mail what amount of Gold can be spared from the bullion account of the Mint.

I am very Resp.

Mc Clintock

Act. Sec. Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

(Private.)

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 21, 1845.

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith an official letter to ask that the President will appoint, for the approaching Annual Assay, the Commissioners whom he is authorized by law to designate in addition to the Commissioners ex officio, — namely the District Judge, the District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port.

I hope I may be excused for following the practice, hitherto always adopted by the Director of the Mint, of respectfully suggesting to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, the names of individuals deemed proper to be selected for the occasion. I accordingly offer the following to his consideration.

Professor Robley Dunglison; a man of Science, and accomplishments, of great learning, a high standing in the community. He was formerly a professor in the University of Virginia, afterwards at Baltimore, and now in the Jefferson Medical College Phila.

Professor James B. Rogers, recently elected to the Chair of Chemistry in the University

of Pennsylvania. His ~~is a~~ scientific knowledge will make him entirely capable of judging of the procedure of the Annual Assay. He was appointed, by Gen. Jackson, with the consent of the Senate, as Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, but was prevented from accepting the office, by domestic circumstances.

~~No.~~ 2.

Professor E. N. Horsford, who holds a chair of Chemistry in ~~the~~ Harvard University, at Cambridge, near Boston, and is eminent in the department of science which he professes. In favor of his appointment, it may be proper to mention that Boston has not yet been represented at the Mint Annual Assay.

Let me ask that the letters of appointment may be sent, in the first instance, to me, to be forwarded to the gentlemen named; in order that they may be ~~accompanied by~~ [furnished with] information which they ought to possess regarding the duty which they are invited to perform.

Very respectfully,
Your friend & Servant,
R. M. P.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secy Treasury.

Mint U.S.
Jan. 21, 1845.

Sir

The Annual Assay at the Mint is to be held on the 7th of next month, and I have the honor respectfully to request that you will ask the attention of the President to the appointment of the additional Commissioner provided for by the 3d section of the act of Jan. 18, 1837.

R. M. P.

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To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

U. S. Mint, Philad.a
January 17, 1848.

Gentlemen,

I have received the 30 Keg Copper planchets, which you sent, in Bangue Gov. Briggs. Some of the Keg are in bad condition, so much so that the head of one of them came out in handling. I will thank you to guard against this in the future.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

To Messrs. Crocker Bro. & Co.

U. S. Mint, Philad.a
January 18, 1848.

Gentlemen

I am now prepared to pay in copper coin, for upon invoice of copper planchets dated 21st. inst. Your request me to forward the coins to Messrs. A. & S. Allaire N. York, I suppose you wish them sent by the same conveyance as those were forwarded at the close of last year. The Rail Road was resorted to, on that occasion, in consequence of our being compelled to send the coins away in time to bring the settlement of them into my copper transactions for the Quarter. The expense attendant upon this mode of conveyance is $1.25 per Cask which is too heavy a charge to incur, unless from stern necessity.

Mr. Cooley has a regular line of Packets to N. York, which he says are of the 1st. Class, at the charges 40 Cents per Cask freight to N.Y. As the coins are shipped at your risk, I have thought it proper to advise you on the subject

before making the Shipment, and
Shall, therefore, defer sending / paying
for the invoice until I hear from you
The Comm.r requests me to say to
you, that the Blankets he is now
coming here not sufficiently [illegible]

Very respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
(signed)
Jno. Ross Swanwick
Treas.r

To
Messrs. Crocker & Brewster
Taunton
Mass.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
January 17, 1848

Sir,

The Report of the First Auditor upon the account rendered by James Ross Snowden, Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, for its Contingent expenses during the fourth quarter of the Year 1847, — and the Statements made in the letter which you addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 5th instant, announcing a fraud that had been committed upon the Contingent Fund of said Mint, by one of the Clerks, Mr Randall Hutchinson; — being under my consideration; I deem it to be proper to enquire of you:

First, Whether Gov. Findlay, Treasurer of the Mint, in June 1840, as his official act, named or nominated to you Mr Randall Hutchinson, to be appointed as his Clerk?

Secondly, Whether the arrangement, which placed the monies of the Contingent Fund of said Mint, under the Special Charge, and in the actual possession or keeping of said Clerk, in

a separate closet within the Treasurer's Vault; the but of which closet the said Clerk kept the key, was made by your direction, in the exercise of the authority and performance of the duties devolved on you, by the 3d Section of the Act supplemental to the Act, entitled, An Act establishing a Mint and regulating the Coins of the United States, approved 18th January 1837 — "to prescribe the duties of the Clerk of the Treasurer of the Mint"?

Thirdly:— Whether the examinations, made by said Treasurer, of the monies in the hands of said Clerk, at the close of each month, to ascertain that their sum agreed with the balance that according to the accounts of the Contingent fund of said Mint, the said Clerk ought to have, formed part of the aforesaid arrangements, was deemed by you a sufficient guard over said fund, and was accordingly prescribed by virtue of the powers conferred, and duties devolved on you, by the first paragraph of the 1st Section, and the last clause of the 3d Section of the aforesaid Act?

Fourthly: From what sources had the monies been actually received, which ought to have been found in said Closet, when the said fraud was discovered?

With great respect
Your ob. Sv.

Wm B. Lawrence
Comptroller

Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

N. Y. AND WASHINGTON MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
31 Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

The following was received at this Office,

Dated Washington, Jan. 6 1848.

Dr. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Doctor –

I have seen Mr. Walker, and have received the following reply to your letter.

R. S. McC.

Washn. Jan. 6th, 1848.

Sir – I am confined this morning by illness to my bed from which I write to say in reply to yours of yesterday – uiu uif gvoe qps uif foujsf npvou nvtu cf nef hppe u podf cz uif usftvsfs.

Yours, &c.

R. J. Walker

That the fund for the entire amount must be made good by the Treasurer.

N. Y. AND WASHINGTON MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH OFFICE,
31 Merchants' Exchange, Philadelphia.

The following was received at this Office.

Dated Wash Jan 13 1848

R M Patterson

Send us as many half and Quarters eagles as you can

M C Young

(By Telegraph.)

U. S. Hotel.
Jan. 15, 1845; 11 o'clock, p.m.

Your note has just been received; in full.
The Coins are already on their way.

R. M. Patterson.

Mr Charles G. Young
Assistant Treasurer Mint of Young.
Washington.

Treasury Department
January 14. 1848

Sir,

Please have One hundred thousand dollars in Gold, put up for transportation to this city. — Mr Harrington of this Department will take charge of the money. —

Very respectfully
Your Obed Servt
McC Young
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philada

Washington Jany 14th 1845

Dear Sir,

I expected to have been ready to day to return to Phila but inasmuch as my accounts are yet unacted upon, I concluded to wait events. I will press the adjudication to morrow, and endeavor to get by the evening train & reach home on Sunday morning. The officers of the Treasury department, seem very well disposed but it is difficult (such is the pressure of private business) to get them to act. Mr Walker to day however sent a note requesting that the attention of the proper department be given to it without delay. I feel confident of a favorable result; when the examination is made.

Please say to Judge Kane that I thank him for his letter, I rec'd it to day; it is not however material, I supposed the case was reported in some vols of Reports, and such was the impression of some gentlemen here, but it seems we were mistaken. If convenient please state to my father, my movements, I have not time this evening to write to him. Yours truly

James Rose Snowden

D. K. M. Patterson Esq

Mint U. S.
Jan. 13/45

Dear Sir,

I have learned that your father came to the Mint on Saturday evening, (11th inst.) and that he then opened his desks and drawers, and took papers away with him. This will account for the fact that no private papers of his are to be found in the Mint.

I send the only note that has come, since, addressed to your father.

Very truly yours,
R. M. Patterson

Mr. J. P. Hutchinson Jr.

Dr Pallissers

Dear Sir

If there are any private
papers of my Father in
his desk. could you oblige
me by sending them to
the Bearer.

Yours truly
P. C. Hutchinson Jr

Chelsea Jany 13/45

MECHANICS' BANK OF BALTIMORE,

Jany 13, 1848

Treas U.S. Mint ~~Esq Cashier~~
Philada
Dear Sir,

~~I enclose for collection~~

We have this day forwarded to you per Adams & Co express, for our a/c, a bag of Gold Bullion weighing 2626 Dwts 10 Grs -

Very respectfully,
Your obt servt.

James W. Allnutt
Cash.

Taunton Jany 12. 1848.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

Annexed we hand invo. of 30 kegs planchets, shipped per Bark Gov. Briggs, from Boston.

The amount of said bill $2.304. We will thank you to ~~[illegible]~~ forward, at your convenience, to Messrs. A. G. Wills, as heretofore —

Yours

Very Respectfully

Crocker Bros & Co.

U.S. Mint, Phila.a
January 11th. 1848.

Sir, Yours of the 10th. inst. has been
received with the corrected bill receipted.
I inclose a draft on you favor of the Bank
of New York for $36.77. in payment of
said bill.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Geo. W. Eckelman
For the Treasurer of the Mint.

To
N. Chamberlin Esq. Agt.
Troy & Erie Line
N. York

Springfield Jan 18th 1848

My Dear Sir

Permit me to express to you the gratitude and pleasure I feel, at the distinction and kindness you have shown me, in recommending me to Mr Dibble, and let me add, that this pleasure does not so much arise from the business anticipated, which indeed is quite acceptable, as from the assurance which is given me, that I possess your confidence.

I have laboured assiduously to extend and perfect my machine works, and have lately added an extensive and convenient foundry, well arranged for every kind of heavy work, and have been so fortunate as to secure a very desirable contract with the U.S. Armory here, which will enable me to keep constantly a number of superior workmen in that branch of my business

Mrs Tyler has taken her abode in your city for the winter, she did not leave all her ills at the South, in which respect however I have been more fortunate. With every reason to renew & bless you

I am sincerely yours

P. B. Tyler

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

New York January 10th 1818

James Roosevelt Esqr

Dr. Sir.

Yours of the 8. Inst. Enclosing my bill against the Mint is at hand, annexed you have my Corrected bill, I supposed when the first bill was made that the Cents Contained $100 Each. it seems that in this I was mistaken, I hope that this will prove to be Correct and satisfactory.

Your Obt Servt

N. Chamberlain

P.S.

Round the amount of the annexed bill and remit Same

Yours &c

N. Chamberlain

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Philadelphia, January 10 1847

Take Notice, you are rated for the present year, as follows:

Real Estate,	$ 80.000
Personal Tax,	
Income from Occupation,	
Dog,	
Household Furniture and Silver Plate,	
Moneys at Interest,	
Money loaned on Morigage,	
Stocks,	
Gold Lever Watch,	
Silver Lever Watch,	
Plain Gold Watch,	
Plain Silver Watch,	
Carriage,	
Horses,	
Cows,	
Salary or Emoluments of Office,	

The Appeal will be held on the 9 *day of* January *A.D.* 1847, *between the hours of* 10 *A. M. and* 1 *P. M., at the County Commissioners' Office, up stairs, west wing of the State House.*

Saml. D. Breed
Assessor.

To U. S. Mint

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 10th, 1848.

Sir,

I sent around a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, and beg that you will give to it your earliest attention. You will observe that it is the original of the communication sent by the Magnetic telegraph, and received on the 7th inst.

Very respectfully
and faithfully yours,
R. M. Patterson.
Director

To
Col. R. Snowden, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.

[A letter by a copy of the letter in question, which is on file of this date.]

U.S. Mint, Philad.a
January 8th. 1848.

Gentlemen,

I have received on 27 Bags copper planchets, per Schooner Edith, as per your receipted invoice of December 21st. 1847.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Jno. Rob. Snowden
Treasurer.

To
Messrs. Crocker & Brother
Taunton,
Mass.

Treasury Department
June 5. 1838.

Sir

You are hereby authorized to offer a reward of $ 500 for the apprehension of Randall Hutchinson as suggested by You.

I am very respy

M. T. Young
Actg Secy of the Treasury.

P. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

U.S. Mint, Phila.a
January 8th. 1848.

Sir,

Yours of the 6th. inst. has been received with the enclosed bill for expenses on distribution of copper coins. You will observe one correction to be made in the bills, the 3 Regts of the 15 June contained only $250. Please send me a corrected bill receipted & I will pay the same as you may direct.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Jno. Ross Snowden
Mean.

To
N. Chamberlain Esqr.
Troy
N.Y.

Memorandum bearing upon Mr. Hutchinson's Case. — Sat? Jan 8, 1848.

Major Brack (late Treasurer,) stated that Mr. Leon, who keeps a Stationary Store at the Bivouac Door, had told him that he went to New York, on Saturday last, in the car with Mr. Hutchinson. That he had told him, before setting out, to get the Lady's ring for each, and take them in his own name, (Mr. Morris) and that he had done so.

On the way he asked Mr. Hutchinson what Mr. Morris thought the trunks were safe. In answer, the inquiry was made as to the place where Mr. H. had his trunk. He replied that it was in the car. Mr. H. said that he had valuables in it.

Mr. Mitchell, of the U.S. Hotel, was also sworn.

DEFALCATION.—We learn that a case of default has occurred at the U. S. Mint, in Philadelphia. Randal Hutchinson, who has been employed in the Mint as a clerk since 1840, has absconded, having embezzled about $50,000 of the ordinary fund provided for the payment of the incidental expenses of the Mint, of which fund he had the immediate charge.

Brunswick, Me., Jan. 8, 1848.

My dear Sir,

As I was coming home to tea this evening, I was accosted in the street by a gentleman in these words: "Do you know the Clerks in the Mint?" "Every one of them", I replied. "Well", said he, "the Boston Times of this morning announces, that one of them is a defaulter for a large amount." "Impossible", I exclaimed, almost confounded; but instantly thinking of the Clerk of the Subtreasury, [I beg his pardon,] with whom I am not acquainted, I felt relieved, & eagerly asked the defaulter's name. The gentleman could not recollect it; "but," said he, "if you will repeat the names of the Clerks in the Mint, I shall perhaps recognise it." "No sir," said I, "I will not mention one of them in such a connection." — "Well", said he, "you will find the whole story in the Times." — I lost no time in procuring a copy, & I send enclosed the slip which I cut from it. — Until my eye fell upon this most astounding paragraph, I protest that my suspicions were like Noah's dove, which "found no rest for the sole of her foot." —

And now, my dear Sir, can this be true? I will not believe it until I hear from

you, & I beg you to put an end at once
to my suspense. God grant that it may
be false — Poor Patterson, — would you
were dead — any thing but this!

In great haste

Most truly yours,

Geo. F. Downing.

Dr. R. M. Patterson,
U.S. Mint

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
January 7th 1845

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst and to state that the vouchers abstracts presented by Mr S. Talbot have been satisfactorily examined and those withdrawn delivered to him

Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Wm Collins
1st Auditor

To
James K Lamden Esq
Treasurer &c
Philadelphia

Washington City Jan 26 1848.

Sir

I am confined this morning by illness to my bed from which I write to say in reply to yours of yesterday that the funds for the entire amount must be made good at once by the Treasurer

Yours &c

R. Armacker

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

U. S. Att'y: Jan. 6, 1868.

Went to the Secretary of the Treasury this morning, a letter which went by the Cars at 8 o'c. a.m. Had not time to make a copy. Referred to a call made at my house, last evening, by Judge Lowe, Mr. Snowden, and the police officers; and mentioned that telegraphic despatches were sent to all the places at which it was deemed likely that ~~Mr. Kettleman~~ might be found; with a description &c.

I stated that it had been recommended both by the U. S. District Judge, and the Mayor of the city, that a reward of $500 should be offered for the securing the person of Mr. Ketteman; and I asked his consent to this measure.

R. McCulloch to Secretary
Treasury

U.S. Mint, January 6th 1848.

Dear Sir

When the melancholy occurrence at the Mint, which has just come to light, will permit your mind to dwell upon the thought of appointing a Successor to the late Clerk, I shall be much gratified if you will consider the propriety of advancing my Salary to $1,200. and fixing the Salary for the same Clerk at $1000 for the Mornings (there being only $2,200 to divide between the two Clerks.) Although a future period on some account, would seem to be more appropriate for presenting the subject to your kind consideration yet I am induced to name it now, in order that any delay in communicating my wishes may not add to the duties there. There are many Reasons, which, I can assign in favor of my Request; though I shall mention but one at this time. The Copper transactions, were not in my Department when I entered the Mint; since that time the average distribution of Copper coins has been about $50,000 per annum, last year over $60,000. Formerly One per cent Commission was allowed on the Sales. My Salary has been increased only $100. Since the Copper Business has been committed to my care. This portion of my Labors constitutes a considerable and important

part of the Mint operation and in connection with my other duties rendered my departure much onerous and undesirable than that which my Co adjutor fr Col
Satisfied with merely calling your kind attention to this subject as I have and assigning a single reason for disposing you to grant my request, I beg you indulgence for having chosen the present time, and would respectfully solicit a personal interview (if necessary) at such time as will be suitable & agreeable to you

Very respectfully your
Most obt. Servt
Chas. W. Eckleman

To/
Dr R. M. Patterson
Director, U. S. Mint.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
January 5th 1848

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion & Copper accounts for the 4th Quarter of 1847.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm Collins
1st Auditor

To
James Ross Snowden Esqr
Treasurer &c
Philadelphia

U. S. Mint. Phila. Jany 5, 1848

Sir

Abstract No. 4, 15, 817 of
The rule to withdraw the accounts last
yesterday of the Bullion transactions in the
Mint, and permit the Cancelled abstract
which are Mr. McCullough of the Mint
will hand you. He will explain this
matter more fully.

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

James Ross Snowden
Dirt.

Hon. William Collins Esq
1st Auditor Treasury

U. S. Mint. Jan. 6/48.

Dear Sir,

I have received the note regarding an increase in your salary. I will keep the question in view, but cannot now give any pledge with respect to it.

Very truly yours,

R. M. T.

Mr. Edelman

New York 11mo 4. 1848

Treas. U. S. Mint

Esteemed Friend

We have just
union
us per Transportation line for acct
Crocker & Bro &c: 31 casks $3056.42 in
Copper coin as per invoice of ———

Respectfully yr frd

A. J. Miller

Batav. 4th Jany 1848

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Treasr.

Sir,

The 32 Casks Contg 3285 Sd. Crowns in Copper Coin by Brig Sea as pr bill lading & invoice in yrs of 20th Ulto have been received by us.

Respectfully yrs

[illegible] & Co

Taunton Feby 28. 1845.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Treas.
U.S. Mint
Phila.

Annexed we hand bill, & enclose B/Lading of 35 Kegs Copper planchets, shipped per Bark Gov. Briggs via Boston, amounting to $2688— payable in Copper Coin.

We have received your favor of the 24th inst.— The defects in the parcel of planchets alluded to, must have been accidental, & we will see that it does not occur again—

Yours
Very Respectfully
Crocker Bros. & Co.

U. S. Mint, Phila.a
February 24, 1848.

Gentlemen,

The C. Coiner has commenced coining the copper planchets rec.d from you pr. Schrome Michigan, and experiences so much difficulty, on account of their hardness, as almost to determine him to reject them. They are also of irregular sizes and wanting in clearness. I take to call your attention to these defects in the blanks, that you may prevent their occurrence in those you are now preparing. The copper should be well cleaned, well annealed & of uniform size.

Very resp.y
Your ob.t Ser.t
(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treas.

To
Mech. Exchange Bank & Co
Taunton
Mass.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb. 24, 1848.

Sir,

Mr. Randal Hutchinson having, as you know, lately absconded from the mint, and thereby vacated his place as a Clerk of the Treasurer, the duty devolves upon me, under the 3d sect. of the mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837, of appointing his successor, with the approbation of the President. In the performance of this duty, I beg leave, most respectfully, to submit, through you, to the President, for his approbation, Mr. Thomas J. Miles, of Philadelphia, as in my judgment a suitable candidate for the vacant clerkship. In testimony of his fitness for the place, – his good character, and his standing in Society, – I send the enclosed recommendations from many of our most Respectable and distinguished citizens.

The penalty in the bonds required of the other Clerks in the Mint is $5000; it will probably be expected, after the

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defalcation of Mr. Hutchinson that his successor should give a higher security, and I would submit for your approval the sum of $10,000.—

Yours

RMcP

Hon R. J. Walker
~~Mr. Calhoun~~
~~Sec~~ Sec. of Treasury
Washington

U. S. Mint, Philad.a
February 24th 1848.

Gentlemen,

I have shipped to your
this day, per Schr. Jersey Blossom for your
place, Four hundred and twenty two 44/100
dollars in copper cents in full payment of
your invoice of copper planchets dated 17th.
inst. Amount of invoice $426.08
Short weight 365 lbs. @ 320 $ 1.17
Paid for your a/c:—
Freight to A. B. Corley 2.00
Porterage from Wharf 50
Shipped as per Bill of Lading
enclosed. 422.41 $426.08

Your early please to send me 30 Kegs
of copper planchets equal in quality
and manufacture to the last be furnished
by you / payable in copper coin at
the usual price. When can you
execute this order?

Very respy
Your Obt Servt
(signed) J. R. Snowden
Treas.

To Messrs. T. Gilbert & Co.
N. York.

U. S. Mint. Philad.a
February 23d. 1848.

Dear Sir, I received your letter of the 21st and Messrs. Adams & Co have delivered the foreign coins sent by them. The value of the deposite can only be determined after it is melted. This arises from the great variety of coins; and among those marked Sovereigns are English coins, a great number of guilders and French coins are found. I am informed by the Assayer, that he will be able to report upon the result of the melt by to morrow, at which time I hope to deliver the amount to Messrs. Adams & Co

Yours respectfully,
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Henry Hubbard Esq
Asst. Treas
Boston

Mint U.S.
Feb. 21, 1848.

Sir,

Your letter of the 19th, with the Official Bond of Randal Hutchinson and his sureties, was received this morning, and the penalty of the Bond, to wit, five thousand dollars, has been paid, by Mr. J. Pemberton Hutch. ~~[illegible]~~ in gold coin, to the Treasurer of the Mint, and a discharge to the sureties given.

The Official Bond is returned to you herewith; and the certified copy, with a duplicate of the discharge by the Treasurer, has been given to Mr. J. Pemberton Hutchinson.

R.M.P.
Dir.

To
J. W. McCulloh, Esq,
First Auditor of Treasury Dept.

Mint of the United States
Phila. Dec 21st

Whereas, I, James R. Snowden, Treasurer of the Mint of the United States, by a letter from I. W. McCulloch, Esq., Comptroller of the Treasury of the U.S. dated the 16th of February, and on file in the Auditor's Office of the Treasury of the United States, have been instructed to remit the penalty which has accrued on the official bond of Randal Hutchinson, late a Clerk in the Mint, and to execute a discharge for the same, and whereas the said penalty has been this ~~day paid to me~~ the 21st day of February 1848 paid to me by I. Pemberton Hutchinson, a surety in the said bond, I hereby ~~acknowledge to have receipt~~ in full of Five Thousand dollars that is to say the full sum of Five thousand dollars, I hereby acknowledge to have received the said penalty ~~in~~ for the benefit of the United States and in full discharge ~~of the said bond~~ of the sureties ~~thereto~~ to the said bond.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

21 Feby 1845.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R Snowden Esqr

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to affix his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement.

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U. S. Mint, Philad.a
February 21st 1848.

Gentlemen,

The copper planchets, rec.d from you last month, have been coined, and the result is very favorable, as to the quality of the copper, the uniformity of the pieces and the annealing. The pieces run about 2½ grains heavy.

The Mint weight is less than the invoice weight by 365 lbs. avoir, which at 32 cts. p.r lb. amounts to $ 1.17.

Please render a receipted bill with this sum deducted, when I will ship the copper coins to your order in payment thereof.

I will communicate with you in a few days, in relation to giving you a further order.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

S. Hibler & Co
N. York

(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treas.

Assistant Treasurers Office
Boston February 1. 1848

Dear Sir

I send this day by Messrs Adams & Co a small lot of Foreign Gold together with some Foreign Silver, it being all that I have in the vault not purely American, & as I am now drawn on pretty close it is desirable that every thing in the vault should be in suitable coin for paying out, I therefore hope that you will be able to give to Messrs Adams & Co a like amount in American Gold & Silver by return of mail. —

I send .	$ 10363.90	Sovgns & English coins.
.	3108.08.	French Gold
.	601.30.	Spanish Coins.
.	4013.82.	Old American Gold.
Making —	$ 18.087.10	which I should like in American Eagles, as much as can be. —

I also send in Silver —	$638.91 —	in Fivefrancs
—	. 660. .	in Mexican & Thaler dollars
Making —	$ 1298.91 —	of which $500 in Dimes $200 in half Dimes

& the remainder in American Dollars, would be as I should like, but if you find it inconvenient to do so, you will please suit yourself. —

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant Henry Hubbard
pr Aa. D. Hubbard, Clerk

To James R. Snowden Esqr
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Copy.

New Orleans, 20 February 1848.

R. J. Walker Esq
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Sir,

On the third of this month I had the honor to communicate to you on the 3d of this month certain information which appeared to me to bear on the forgery and counterfeiting of the gold coinage of the United States.

Since then I have learned that the persons mentioned in that letter viz: the Tylers, had their residence in the building of the mint: further, that Albert Mitchell who was then employed in the Coiners department was several times heard to say that "he knew enough about the Tylers to ruin them if he were disposed to tell it." Mitchell now lives at Hargrove, Monmouth Co. Illinois. My informant is the person mentioned in my last letter.

I am, very respectfully
Your most ob't. Servant
Thomas J. Durant
Attorney of the United States for the District of Louisiana.

Mar. U.S. Dist. Ct. 18/48

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., instructing me to demand from the Sureties to the bond of Mr. Randal Hutchinson, the penal sum of that bond, viz. $5000.

With your letter you also sent to me a certified copy of the bond in question, — proposing, for reasons which you mention, to retain the original; but you say that if Mr. I. Prentiss Hutchinson desires it you will transmit to me the bond itself, to the end that the discharge may be executed by the Sureties in duplicate, that is to say upon the bond and the copy, — with the expectation that the bond will thereby returned to the Department."

I have had an interview with Mr. Prentiss Hutchinson, and have to state that he desires that the original bond may be sent, upon the conditions which you offer, — that is to have the receipt and discharge endorsed upon it and then returned to you. If, therefore, the bond be sent to me the business will be closed without delay.

I am

Sir

Your obt. Servt.

R. M. P.

To

A. W. McCulloh, Esq.

Comptroller of the Treas'y

Washn.

Treasury Department

Sir,

Comptroller's Office

19 Feb 1848

I am directed by the wife of Pemberton Hutchinson Esq., referred to in your letter of the 18th inst to this Office, that the Official bond of Mr Randal Hutchinson, as of whose sureties he was, might be sent to you to the end that the payment of the penalty Five thousand Dollars might be acknowledged thereon, as well as upon the certified copy heretofore furnished - and the request to them returned to me; I now enclose said bond for that purpose and remain

Truly Yours

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. W. McCulloh
Comptroller

Private

Washington 18 Feby '48

My dear Sir,

You were perfectly right in addressing your letter as you did in relation to the Assay — indeed if you had addressed it otherwise I should have of course laid it before Mr. W. at once — as I did — for he did not see it, before it passed through my hands,

Between ourselves there is something like a mountain to be made of a mole-hill in the affair and a beautiful speculation may be made by <u>small potato</u> politicians but of it — Can any one suppose for a moment that those officers could have designed a fraud? Certainly not. Might not the particular piece below the Standard, by some means or other owing to the

imperfect admixture of the alloy with the pure metal have caused the reduction in the one piece assayed below the standard. Without any practical knowledge on the subject I must say that in my opinion such might be the fact.

The Silver ranges high - If those officers had intended to do wrong it is not natural to suppose that both Silver and Gold would have been reduced.

What I write is my own private views of the matter which I frankly lay before you. - I think you are right in causing the inquiries to be made which you have done

Mr W. will lay the subject before the P. tomorrow & I may have occasion to write an official letter then or on Monday

Yours truly
Mc C Young

Dr R. M. Patterson 18 July 1848

New York 18 Feby 1848

Dear Sir

I am possest of a Farm on the border of Pennsylvania partly cleared it is stated to me to be the opinion of seuenal of the Neighbours that there is a Silver Mine on a part of it I have owned the Farm seuenal Years — Have a man & his family on it to clear & improve it — My residence being in New York City my reason for troubling you to enquire if you will be so kind as inform me if there is any way of ascertaining without the expence of digging whether there is ore underground I have heard of Mineral Rods or similar means I should esteem it a great favor if you would write me a Line on the subject

I am Dear Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obd^{t} Servt
John McRae
109 Canal St
New York

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director of the
Mint Philadelphia

Mint of the U. States, Phila. May 18, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst. inclosing my Commission as Treasurer of the Mint of the United States at Phila.

With the highest respect
I have the honor to be
Your ob. & Mt. Svt.

E. R. S.

Hon.ble James Buchanan
Secretary of State
of the U. States.

DISSOLUTION.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the Firm of **A. & S. WILLETS**, *is dissolved by mutual consent, by the retirement of Amos Willets. The outstanding business will be closed by the remaining partners, who will sign in liquidation.*

AMOS WILLETS,
SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d *mo.* 17, 1848.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The subscribers have this day formed a co-partnership, under the Firm of **WILLETS & CO.**, *who will continue the business heretofore conducted by A. & S. Willets, at 303 Pearl Street.*

SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d *mo.* 17, 1848.

P. S.—WILLETS & Co. having assumed the entire business and accounts of the late Firm of A. & S. Willets, it will not be necessary to make any alteration in your books.

New York Dec 22 1848

J Ross Snowden Esq
Esteemed Friend

Thine of 21st is before us in which thou says "24 kegs containing $2291.20" — the bill of lading says "23 kegs" — we presume the latter is correct & the amt of dolls will be found to be that named in the letter —

Respectfully thy frds
Willet Jr

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
February 16. 1848.

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th instant, addressed to the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the embezzlement of a large part of the Contingent Fund of the Mint committed by Mr. Randal Hutchinson, a Clerk of the Treasurer, in which you state that Mr. J. Pemberton Hutchinson, one of the sureties of the said Clerk has declared his readiness to pay the penalty of the Official bond, $5,000.- whenever demanded; having been referred to this Office, it becomes my duty to instruct you to make said demand; which you will do by requesting him to pay the said penalty to the Treasurer of the Mint; who is hereby authorized to receive said penalty and to execute a discharge for the same, upon the enclosed copy of the said bond, and deliver it to said surety.

I would send the bond instead of the enclosed copy, but for the reason that I believe the retention of the original, at least for a season, will be useful in determining the liabilities of the Treasurer of the Mint, to the United States, created by that embezzlement - wherefore, I prefer to retain the bond now, but if Mr. J. Pemberton Hutchinson desires it, I will transmit to you

the bond itself, to the end that the aforesaid discharge may be executed by the Treasurer in duplicate, that is to say upon the bond, and the enclosed copy— and with the expectation that the bond will, then, be returned to the Department— for the reason aforesaid. Very respectfully,

Your Ob.t Serv.t

W. W. Corcoran

Comptroller.

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Post Office St. Louis Mo.
February 17th 1848.

Sir,

Herewith please receive a draft for one hundred dollars on E. W. Clark & Bro's, for which please send as soon as practicable ten thousand cents, for the use of this office.

Very Respt.
Jno. M. Wimer
Postmaster

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Mint U.S. Feb. 12, 1848.

Sir,

When Mr. Randal Hutchinson, (the Clerk who has lately absconded the Mint,) entered upon his duties, on the 22d of June 1840, he gave bond to the amount of $5000, with his brother D. Pemberton Hutchinson and John Elliott Esq, as sureties. This bond was sent by me to the Treasury Department. Let me respectfully request the propriety of ~~directing the settling of accounts~~ collecting, without further delay, from the Sureties, the penal sum for which they are bound. Mr. D. Pemberton Hutchinson has promised to pay it, ~~without~~ whenever demanded.

At the time taken by Mr. Randal Hutchinson out from the Ordinary funds, it was ~~intended~~ presumed that the $5000 to be received will be ~~afterwards~~ given back to that fund, and, in this case, I believe that it will be

in our power to pay the expenses of the ensuing fiscal year, without urging a special appropriation to obtain the money so much of which is furnished, however, that the sum ~~unpaid~~ of $13,673.81 due from the Cherokees may to the Indian Account, may not be found ~~till at~~ until after the ~~close of the~~ end of the next session of Congress.

The diminished amount of coinage ~~of the present~~ at this mint, with ~~unpaid~~ currency, we may trust the expenses of the ~~next~~ fiscal year 1848–49, without ~~any~~ regarding from Congress any additions to the appropriations asked for before the commencement by which our Ordinary fund has been so much reduced.

R. M. T.

Mr Clinton Young, Esq.
Actg Sec. of the Treasy.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I have herewith ~~sent~~ received, from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, a Copies of my Annual Report of the Mint operations of the ~~last~~ present year, but Mr. Campbell now informs me that ~~the~~ my last Report will not be printed for the lower House. May I therefore ask you to have a few ~~sent~~ copies to me of those printed for the Senate? Your doing so will oblige me much.

Resp.

Hon. Geo. M. Dallas.
V. P. of U. S.

Boston 14 February 1848

To the Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I shall a Keg of Silver
wishing to have it received one half in Dime
and the balance in half Dimes

Yours Respectfully

J. M. Dodd

Dublin 14th February 1808

To Wm. Patterson Esqr

Dear Sir

I send by Express
1 Key Silver coins weighing 4 Ounces the same
received one half in Coins and the other
in half Coins

Yours Respectfully

J M Doull

Mint of the United States

The President of the United States has designated the following gentlemen as Special Commissioners to attend the annual assay to be held at the Mint this day

Professor E. N. Horsford, of Cambridge, Mass.
Professor Robley Dunglison, ~~M.D.~~ of Philadelphia
Professor James B. Rogers of Philad.

The Commissioners ~~ex officio~~ are

Hon. John K. Kane, Judge U.S District Court Philadelphia
Thomas M. Pettit, Esq. U.S. District attorney
James Page, Esq. Collector of the Port

N. Amer.
Penn.r
Ledger
Inquirer
Times

Albany 1848.
Feb. 12 / 48.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter and I thank you for it. Mr. Walker's message is explicit, and I confess it is not unsatisfactory. The circumstances under which his former recommendation was given, and the grounds by which it was defended, were such as greatly to reduce its influence upon me.

I cannot judge myself now as to any candidate, because as it is a Treasury Clerk that is in question, the Secretary must be consulted and satisfied.

R Wright.

Hon. Garrett Dallas
Washington D.C.

Office House of Reps U.S.
February 12 1848

Sir

Your letter of the 11th instant has been received.

The House of Representatives do not print your annual report this year the Senate having previously ordered the printing of it.

It would have afforded me great pleasure to furnish you extra copies of the report if it had been printed by the House of Reps

I am very respectfully
Sir
Your Obt Servt

Thos. Campbell
Clerk H. of Reps. U.S.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

United States Mint, Philad.ª
February 12th. 1845.

Sir,

I herewith forward you, the Weekly Statement ending this day, with the cancelled Vouchers, shewing the State of the Bureau and public moneys deposited in the Mint, by the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
(signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasurer

To
William Selden, Esqr.
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington

February 11. 1848

Cash on hand (Ordinary fund)	$2,820.10	
Do " " (Copper fund)	1,575.—	$ 4,395.10
Approp. for Specimens of ores & coins undrawn		150.—
To be received from J. R. Hutchinson, Esq.		5,000.—
Estimated profit on copper from this date to June 30. 1848. (corresponding period last year $7,400)		5,000.—
		$14,545.10

Estimated Expenses

From this date to June 30 1848.	$ 4,500.10	
Specimens of ores & coins.	150.—	4,650.10
Probable Balance remaining June 30. 1848		$ 9,895.10

To which add

1. Estimated profit on Copper from July 1/48 to June 30/49	10,000.—
2. Gains on deductions from depositors of Bullion (profits for the year 1847 about $1,800) from 1st Jany/48 to 30th June/49	2,500.—
3. The appropriation asked to meet the expenses of the Mint up to the 30th day of June 1849. . .	60,644.—
	$ 83,039.—
Deduct amount due Bullion Account (Dec. 31/47)	13,623.81
	$69,415.19

The Expenses of the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1849, may be estimated for

Incidental & Cont. Expenses	$15,000.19	
Wages of Labrers.	24,000.	
Salaries of Officers & Clerks	19,200.	58,200.19
Balance remaining to cover Wastages for 1848.		$11,215

Mint U.S.
Pha. Feb. 11/48.

D. Sir,

If you have any copies of my annual report that can be spared, you will greatly oblige me by sending a few of them to me. This favor has been always extended to me by your predecessors.

R.M.P.

To/
W. J. Campbell, Esq.
Clerk, House Rep.

My dear Sir

I have just left our friend Mr Walker, whose health is improving every day, tho' not yet entirely restored. He gave it to me in especial charge to write to you and to say "that he did not "know Mr Dennys and did not intend to recommend his appointment to "the clerkship vacated by Hutchinson in any language hereto used by "him: — that he had such entire confidence in yourself that he would "instantly sanction any one you delegate: — that his opinion, however, is "that Mr D. J. Hicks ought to be appointed and that he hopes you may "agree with him." — I believe I have set it down word for word.

I mentioned to Mr W. that if he really had any preference for Mr Dennys, on any account whatever, that preference would, I did not doubt, have almost conclusive weight with you, as it certainly would with me. He instantly disclaimed, and begged me to omit the allusion.

I am truly & respectfully
Yr. friend & Ser.
G. W. Dobell.
10. Feb. 1848

Dr Robert M Patterson.

In our Commercial Record, yesterday, we copied, from the New York Courier & Enquirer, a statement of the Operations of the Mint and its Branches during the past year, showing the coinage to have amounted to $22,657,662, and the deposits to $23,069,603; and we ~~added~~ also copied, without ~~[illegible]~~ remark, an inference drawn by the New York Paper, that the excess of deposits over coinage showed the amount of loss by coinage. We now find that this is a gross error. The New York Editor might have inferred this from the fact that at two of the four mints the coinage exceeded the deposites, and would thus, on his mode of estimating, show a gain by wastage. The true explanation is, that at closing the operations of each year, the Mints always have or had a certain amount of bullion uncoined, and which will therefore ~~though~~ belong to the deposites of the past year, and the coinage of the following one. ~~On the 31st of Dece~~ We are informed that on the 31st of December 1847, the uncoined gold and silver in the Philadelphia Mint amounted to more than $478,000, the greater part of which was received during the last week of the year.

☞ The *New York Courier & Enquirer* gives the aggregate coinage of the Mints of the United States during the past year, which, it will be seen by the annexed statements, exceeds 22½ millions of dollars, of which more than 20 millions is in gold coin. The President's Message, at the opening of the session, stated the whole amount at "over 20 millions." It runs over by 2½ millions.

Coinage at the several Mints.

In gold,	[illegible]	
In silver,	2,374,450	
In copper,	61,827	
		$22,657,662
Deposits amounted to—In gold,	20,619,044	
silver,	2,450,059	
		$23,069,603

The loss by coinage, it will be seen—that is, the difference between the cost of foreign coin deposited and the value of the American coin reproduced—was about $415,000, or about 2¼ ₩ cent., besides the salaries and cost of the mints and their officers.

Taunton Feby 8. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Treas. U.S. Mint

Sir

Annexed we hand
Invoice of 20 Kegs Copper Planchets, Shipped
per Brig Foster, via Boston - amounting
to $1.535 —

Yours
Obno.
Very Respectfully.
Crocker & Brother

U. S. Mint, Philad.a
February 5th 1848.

Sir,

I herewith forward you the weekly statement ending this day, with a cancelled voucher, shewing the state of the Bullion and public moneys deposited in the Mint, by the Treasurer of the United States.

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Serv.t
(signed)
Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasurer.

To
William Selden Esq
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington.

Cambridge, Feb. 4, 1848.

Dear Sir, Your letter and the enclosure from the Young came to hand two days since. I have anticipated an reply to the communication of the acting Secretary of the Treasury.

It will give me pleasure to fulfil as well as I may the duties of this commission.

I have been awaiting the receipt of the pamphlet to which your letter refers; - it has not yet come to hand. With [illegible] intention I shall leave here

on Thursday P.M. of next
week and be at the United
States Hotel in your city on
Friday evening. If you will
be kind enough to address
the pamphlet to me there, I
shall feel greatly obliged.
Will the expression of
my indebtedness for the honor
I have received at your suggestion
and the hope that I shall
soon share the pleasure of a
personal interview,

I am very respectfully
and truly yours,

Ebenezer Horsford

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint

New York 2 mo 3. 1848

Jas Ross Snowden
Treas U S Mint

Esteemed Friend

The Schr Geo Klotts
has delivered us twenty one Kegs
Copper coins said to contain twenty
hundred & sixty one 97/100 dollars

Truly thy friend

A S Willets

Washington City – Senate Chamber
Feby 1. 1848.

Sir

The Bearer of this Mr J. T. P.
Hunt is travelling with his friends
Mr D A Banton and Mr Levi Sargent.
They are desirous to have an opportunity
of seeing the operations of the Mint.
They are highly respectable gentlemen
of Manchester N.H. and I commend
them to your kind attention.

Most respectfully
Your obed Servt
C. E. A. Thurston

Dr Patterson
Superintendt
U.S. Mint

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Assistant Treasury 31 March 1848

R. Patterson

Specie Vault U. S. Mint

Gold

15 bags of $5000 — 75,000

1 bag 1,895
200
155

Small bags

Silver 87 bags of $1000

650

1 of —

8 of $1000 8,000

2 of $500 1,000

small bags in all 1,000

2 of $1000 2,000

2 of $500 1,000

Small bags in all 835

bag odd 710

59.25

102,225.25

77,250

179,475.25

R. Patterson

Edelman

43,360
3,000
2,000

1,845

1.77

9,906.77
14

9,906.91 Right

Edelman

60
85
70
25
90
410

200
100

795 Right

45 bags of $5 225
odd bags 2.91
2.60
.07
Cents
4.24 6.70
1.50
5.74

40 —

6 bags $5 ½ cents

9 papers at $2.50 22.50

pikes .22

300.16

1800

410

2510.16

over

RG104 E-1 Box 27

In Chests up [illegible]	$300.16	
in Loan	50	350.16
In [illegible]	1800	
½	410	2,210
		2,560.16
		795
		3,355.16
amt to be added [illegible] letters paid into [illegible] & entered under [illegible]		5.74
		3,360.90

Memorandum of money
& Cash in the Treas'y
& cash Pay'g
March 31/48

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 29, 1848.

Sir,

On the 24th ultimo, I had the honor of presenting, through you, for the approbation of the President, Mr. Thomas S. Whitlock of this City, as a Clerk in the Mint, to supply the place ~~vacated by the~~ formerly filled by Mr. Randal Hutchinson. Since this communication, I have heard nothing on the subject from the Department. We have ~~found~~ learned, however, from this City that the City, which has given us an experience of three months, that the ~~vacancy~~ loss of the services of one of the Clerks has not been so seriously felt as we had anticipated; and we therefore are willing, if ~~such be~~ no objections be made by you, to submit this case, and to ascertain whether we can continue to perform the duties satisfactorily without the Clerk that we have lost.

One of the principal duties of the Clerk that has left us, was the superintending of the Director's Accounts. I propose that this task should now be committed to the Director's Clerk; and with this relief, I hope that it will be found that the remaining duties can be satisfactorily performed by the two Clerks of the Treasurer.

~~Since the first of January, one of the Clerks, Mr. G. W. Sprague, has performed, in addition to his own, all the duties which had belonged to Mr. Hutchinson. He has justly earned a remuneration for his extra services, and I respectfully ask for authority to pay him $100 for such extra services performed during the quarter.~~

I am authorized by Col. Swords to say that he approves of the course which I have proposed above.

R.W.T.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of Treasury.

U. S.
vs
Robinson

Dear Sir

The Judge has fixed
Wednesday Sept 6th for the
trial of the above case.
Can you cause Col.
Saunders & Wm Coleman
to be so informed?

Yrs. truly
V. M. Pettit
March 25. 1848

Dr Patterson

War Department
Washington, March 27th 1868

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant rendering an account for expenses of preparing the medal voted to Major General Taylor by the Joint Resolution of Congress of March 2d 1847. I have directed the payment of this amount and beg you to be assured the Thanks of this Department for the promptness with which the matter was undertaken by you, and the very satisfactory manner in which it has been executed under your direction.

My acknowledgments are also due to the Gentleman more immediately charged with the execution of work.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

New Orleans March 25th 1848.

Dr Sir R. S. McCulloh
Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

When I came through Washington on my way home I learned with regret that your father was prevented by indisposition from attending the Treasury Department and consequently I had to content myself with delivering your message to him through the Post-Office.

Since my arrival here I learned very little relative to the movements of our friend Dr. Riddle except what I have from hearsay, and which by the bye, does not reflect much credit upon him. This gentleman was one of the first persons who called to see me after I got home, and made me some very delicate propositions which I rejected rather peremptorily. He first proposed that I should pay T. Hart $1500 in quarterly installments, apply for the office of Assayer, and nominate his brother who has graduated a few days since, for the office of Melter & Refiner, that on that same day he would place his resignation & that of Dr Hart in my hands, but that there was no time to waste, that every thing would have to be arranged immediately, and that he would guarantee that on the 1st of April we would be both installed. He said that either place would suit his brother, but as he intended to continue his residence at the Mint, should his brother be appointed, and as there was a dwelling connected with the Melting Department, he would prefer that office. He asked a great many questions relative to the Officers of the Phila. Mint, to all of which I

I returned Stubbins by vague and unmeaning answers. Although he seemed to be well aquainted with all my movements at the North, yet he was badly ignorant of the facilities that were extended to me through your friendship and the courtesy of F. Patterson. I told him that of the Office of Agency last been vacant, I should have much rather applied for it, than for that of Cotton, but as I had already applied for the latter, in case of its being vacated by his resignation, I could not withdraw — and that I could never consent to pay anything, that I would either have the office in the legitimate way or not at all. He seemed by no means discouraged by such an abrupt refusal and after a good deal of haranguing talking, asked me "how much I would take to waive my claim"; this, he said was an honorable proposition, as I had gone to some expense in travelling at the North, To this I again replied that nothing could induce me to withdraw. He then said that he would not start in his navigation under these circumstances for some time, perhaps not before a change of administration took place. So we parted, and have not met since. What he is going to do, I am unable to say his brother, F. George R., is now the foreman of his department, and certainly he has some good reason for placing him in the situation.

F. Jones had sent me a letter of introduction to F. Patterson, through the Post Office, but I did not receive it, he promised me to write again to F. P. If you should be in possession of any information relative to this matter, you would oblige me very much by communicating it to me, if such can be done, and it shall be considered strictly confidential. Please give my best respects to F. Patterson, and excuse F. Ridle

should have resigned, I would respectfully request you use your influence in my behalf.

Hoping that this may reach you in good season

I remain

Very Respectfully

Your friend & Obt Ser

D. M. F. Bonzano

New York March 25th 1848.

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

By the medium of Messrs Adams & Co we yesterday sent to the U. S. Mint a box Hampton Silver coins, with which please follow the directions of Messrs J. W. Bruns & Sons of Baltimore

We are,
Dear Sir,
Yours respectfully
Meyer Stucken

(Private & confidential,)

~~Mint of the United States.~~

Phil^a, March 22/41.

Dr Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th, and it has embarrassed me, because I know not how to answer it. You are aware that I am, from my position, made a party in the case. I have, indeed, just prepared a report on the subject, for the Department, and I am not at liberty to make known its tenor. I do not think, however, that there is any good reason why you should not enjoy your rights out as usual.

Very faithfully yours,

R. M. P.

Philos B. Tyler, Esq.

Baltimore Mar. 23. 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Yours dated favor of 22d Inst: is received, and we feel much obliged for your consent to receive the proceeds of Haitien Coin arrived at Newyork, and have consequently requested Messrs Meyer & Steeden to forward it at once, and hope the result will encourage you to receive the other Invoices of about 10.000 $ Ag. -

The impression in our last letter - which you Quote - was only intended to express that we were perfectly willing to defray any and every expence that the Mint

& might

-g might incur in obliging us by the reception of this troublesome Case. -

Awaiting your further polite commu-
-nication, at your leisure, we remain,

very respectfully,

your mo: Obt: Servts:

G. W. Brundersons

Mint of the U S.
Phila March 22, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith, the official bond of William J. Alexander, Esq., given on his appointment by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, as Superintendent of the Branch of the Mint, at Charlotte N.C; and I have certified that this bond of Mr Alexander and his sureties is to my satisfaction

As I had no personal knowledge of the sureties to the Bond, I applied to the Hon. D. M. Barringer for his opinion regarding them, and received from him the satisfactory communication of which a copy is subjoined

Yours

Respy

McClintock Young, Esq
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Mint U. S. March 22/48

Sont,

The subject of your letter of the 20th inst has been referred to our Melter & Refiner, and he consents to make one more trial of the Hatton coins. He will keep an exact account of the expense of refining and you will be charged for the cost to the Mint, but actual, not as you propose, for any "Remuneration for the trouble incurred"

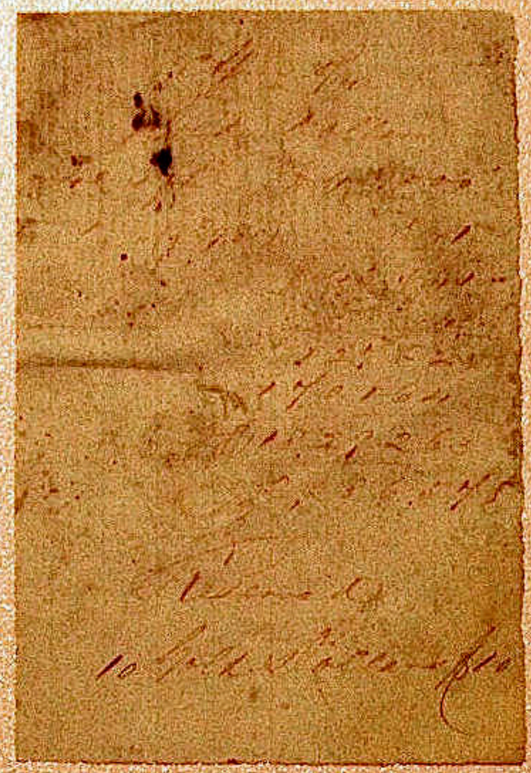
You may, therefore, now order the parcel in New York to be sent to us, — but not the exported parcel with we have reported upon the first

Yrs RMP

Dr

Prof Mess. F. W. Brune & Sons

Balto.



Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office Philad.a March 22 1848.

Hon.d dear Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, an account of the Profits on the Re-Coinage of Foreign Coins and the expenses of transportation of Foreign and U.S. Coins, pursuant to your direction of September 23.d 1847.

Will you be so good as to issue your Warrant, in my favor, for $ 291.21 the balance due to the ordinary Fund of the Mint from the United States.

Very respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
(signed) Geo.e Rob.t Snowden
Treas.r

To
Hon.e Robert J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury U.S.

Mint U. S. Phil.
21 March 1846

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th enclosing certified copies of the bond of Randal Hutchinson, late clerk in the mint, and of my letter requesting the President's approval of his appointment.

At the same time I received an account for postage ~~charges~~ of J. G. Flügel, our Consul at Leipsic, for postage chargeable against the U. S., some of them ~~being~~ arising from ~~letters sent to and from this~~ Correspondence with Mint ~~of the~~ U. S. You question "whether any of the items have been presented to the Mint," I reply that they have not. The letters described in the account as having passed between us and the Consulate are correctly stated. ~~I return~~ The paper in question is now returned.

Respectfully

R. M. Young

M. C. Young
Act'g. C. of the Treasury

Paid.

Baltimore Mar: 20. 1848

Co / R. M. Patterson Esq:

Director of the U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We have to acknowledge your valued favor of 18th inst: and to thank you for your polite information in reference to Mexican Coin, we must crave your indulgence for one more trespassing on your time and attention in regard thereto. - On comparing the results of several parcels sent to the Mint during the last year, obtained in St. Thomas has sent us two parcels. One Dr. $ 4.018. - arrived at Newyork and another " " 10.320.75 On its way to Philadelphia, with the product of which case causing Dr. -

Our friends in Newyork have sent us your inclosing letter to them of 3d inst. - (Meyer & Etting)

& and they have communicated the result of refi-
-ning these Nos $2.086.50, which produced 289.90
of fine Silver, and this received by you $366.64
or about 17 5/8 c/ p. Haytien dollar, this yield
being so much below what it would have
given entirely under your supervision that - at
the hazard of being importunate - we would
ask whether, when the entire amount comes
forward, you will not receive it at the Mint.

We would then not trouble you with -
trifling lots, and be perfectly willing to pay
whatever remuneration you may consider an
equivalent to the Mint for the trouble and
Expenses incurred. - Hoping that you will
pardon our troubling you so often, we remain,
Truly, your mo: Obt. Servts:

F. W. Brune & Sons

(Private)

Springfield March 18th 1848

Dr R. M. Patton

Dear Sir

I received a letter yesterday from Mr Brooks, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr Durant to the Secretary of the Treasury, on the subject of (Mr Durand)
Counterfeit coins &c - in which that gentleman, forgets the statement made to him by Mr Lyons, of New Orleans, comes to a very unjust and cruel decision in the premises in forming such a horrible opinion of myself & brother. The statement and foul insinuation of Mr Lyons is so malicious, and aims such a dreadful blow at my hopes in business, & my character, that I am almost phrenzied. No honest man can fear conviction of crime, but the mere publicity of such an insinuation as that made by Mr Lyons, would crush my hopes, as it would be impossible to refute such a slander. I arrived yesterday from a tedious journey to Savannah, and was almost sick with fatigue, and the care which my business brought upon me, when the receipt of the news of this most unrighteous attack upon my ~~self~~ Brother & nephew & myself has unfitted my mind for business, for which my whole energy is required. My Brother Lucius is my foreman Machinist, and is a hard working honest man and would suffer much, to know that he could be suspected of crime. If you can offer me any consolation, you will confer a great favor by writing. - Very Respectfully & truly yours

P. B. Tyler

Mint U.S. 18 Mar 48

Gent.

In your letter of yesterday you say that if we cannot refine the base Mexican coins for you you will be "in doubt how to make them available". I do not think that you will have any difficulty in the matter. Messrs Meyer & Streeter had the last parcel which they received refined at Newyork. I have shown your letter to our M. & R. and he still objects to receiving coins which have before given him so much trouble by the metals which form part of their alloy, and the refining of which would be so very expensive to the Mint.

Yrs

R.M.P.

Messrs. P. & W. Brune & Sons
Baltimore

Baltimore 17 March 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia -

Dear Sir! We regret to learn by your favor of yesterday that you are indisposed to receive the Fifteen Cents to be added at New York for Exchange; but as one of the objections stated by you is the smallness of the parcel, we beg leave to remark that we expect very shortly a larger amt. in addition, say upwards of Ten Thousand Fifteen dollars, and if you can arrange to coin this money for us, we will wait till the whole is received -

By taking charge of this Specie you will much oblige us, as we should otherwise be in doubt how to make it available. -

Your ms. obt. servts

F. W. Brune & Sons.

Mint of the United States
March 16, 1841

Sir,

I shall herewith a copy of a document which was
found in my Office, which shows that Capt. Eckfeldt received, at
St Thomas, a sum of money amounting to $2380, which had
been deposited in the Bank of St Thomas by Mr. Lawrence,
Vincent Nicholson, under his assumed name of Lawrence.
This money is no doubt now in Capt. Eckfeldt's hands, and
there can be, I presume, no question of his having been of
the money taken by the Robbers from the Mint. I
take the liberty of asking your attention to the matter, and
also to the importance of securing the evidence of Capt. Eck-
feldt, who will probably, in a short time, engage to be
this first for the best Robbers.

Capt. Eckfeldt boards at the house of Mrs. Wm.
Delworth, 141 Mulberry St. She is cousin of the late
Wm. A. Slacum.

Respt.

To
Chas. A. Pottit, Esq
District Atty U. S.

Treasury Department
March 17. 1848.

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 11th instant, received this morning, I transmit a certified copy of your letter of appointment of Mr Randal Hutchinson as a Clerk in the Mint - and, also, a copy of his Bond given at the time of his entering on the duties of his office.

I also enclose for your examination an account presented to the Department by the Atty. of Dr. J. G. Kluger Consul of the U States at Leipsic. Be pleased to state whether any of the charges have been presented to the mint on which some of them appear to be proper charges.

I am very respectfully
M. L. Young
Actg. Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. W. M. Patterson
Philada

Mint U.S. Philad. Mar 16/65

Gentlemen

In answer to your letter of yesterday I think it proper to state that Messrs Mayer & Stuber are aware that we cannot receive their Gold coins at the Mint for Recoinage. They are declined by us not on account of their low and unsteady fineness, but on account of the presence of other alloying metals than Copper, rendering them hard and brittle and (in the language of the trade) poisoning the Crucibles with which they are melted. They therefore require a through Refining, and this we cannot make on so small parcels without great cost and loss.

Respy

Robt Patterson

Messrs. F. W. Brune & Sons
Baltimore

Taunton March 15. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We are in receipt of your favor of the 10th inst. and in reply have to request you to make Shipment of Cents, on account our last invoice, to Messrs. D. H. Brookings, Boston, & Messrs Miller & Co, New York, sending to the latter about two thirds the amount we are.

Yours Very Respectfully
Brooks Bros. & Co

Baltimore 15 March 1848

To the Comptroller of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir!

We send on today to Messrs. Mener & Stucken ~~with Cons~~ Documents for the entry of two boxes Haitien Silver Coin, with directions to forward them to you, proceeds to be held at our disposal. —
As soon as ascertained be good enough to inform us the Result of your assay of value, & the amount for which we may draw on you. —
Asking your attention to the copy below of the note given us of the contents of the two boxes, we are

Yours most obt. Servts.
F. W. Brune & Sons. —

B/N.R. # 3, 1 box Contg., 1 bag of $1.000. —
1 " " 500. —
1 " " 400. —
1 " " 363.63
1 " " 300. — $2563.63

" " 4, 1 Do. contg. 2 " of 500 $1.000. —
1 " " 454.37 " 1454.37

" Haitien Currency . . . $4018. —

Mint U.S.
Phil. March 14/48.

Sir,

The District Attorney of the U.S. has been absent, & required for the trial of Alex. Randel Hutchinson, & the letter of appointment of Alex. Hutchinson with the Penalty affixed, and the the bond which Mr. Hutchinson gave on entering upon the performance of his duties. These documents are in your Department. May I then ask that you will cause certified copies of them to be made, and sent to me.

R.M.T.

Hon. McC. Young, Esq.
Auditor Treas. Dept.

NB. The above is a copy from memory, of a letter written in Judge Patton's Office.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, March 13, 1848

Sir,

~~In a letter which I sent to you on the 28th~~ ult., I sent you a copy of a letter received from Capt. Jno. Pickell, written at St Thomas, in which he stated that Mr. Randal Huntington had entered his vessel, and would return with him to Philadelphia. I have now to inform you that the vessel arrived last night; and that Mr. Huntington was before the U.S. District Court this morning; that ~~a bail bond~~ paid in the amount of $26 000 was required of him by the Judge, which I presume he will not be able to obtain; and that the case is to be brought before the Grand Jury on Thursday next.

R. M. P.

To
M. Clinton Young Esq
Acting Sec. of Tr.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
March 13. 1848

Sir,

That you may be certainly and promptly placed in possession of the Books and papers left in this office, and asked for in your letter of yesterday; I send them by Mr. O. L. Peck of this office, whom I have instructed to take Copies and bring them back with him.

With great respect
Your ob. Sr.
Wm. M. Meredith
Comptroller

Jas R. Snowden Esq
Treas &c
Philadelphia

New Orleans March 9. 1848

Dear Sir.

Your kind favor of the 23d ult. has been received, and places me under great obligations to you. The information is such as I had desired for my Mineralogical Manual which I intend shall be a more practical work than any larger treatise, or any other work of the kind before the country. — Hoping for the pleasure of obtaining your kindness — I remain with much esteem

Very respectfully yours

Thos. D. Rowe

R. M. Patterson Esq

[illegible] March 7. 18[illegible]8

James Ross [illegible]
Esq.

Sir:

Annexed [illegible] bill of 20 kegs [illegible] shipped [illegible] Boston, [illegible] Brig [illegible], amounting to $1.536 —

We also enclose B/ Lading of the same —

& remain

Yours

Respectfully

Crocker & Bro. [illegible]

New York 3m. 7. 1848

Thos Arl. Allen

Esteemed Friend

We have this day

recd $2291.20 in copper coin for

acct Crocker Bro Co of Taunton &c

Respectfully &c

[illegible] Wallace [illegible]

From
Willets & Co
N York. Mo 7. 1848

Recd 9th

DISSOLUTION.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the Firm of **A. & S. WILLETS**, *is dissolved by mutual consent, by the retirement of Amos Willets. The outstanding business will be closed by the remaining partners, who will sign in liquidation.*

AMOS WILLETS,
SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d mo. 17, 1848.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The subscribers have this day formed a co-partnership, under the Firm of **WILLETS & CO.**, *who will continue the business heretofore conducted by A. & S. Willets, at 303 Pearl Street.*

SAML. WILLETS,
ROBERT R. WILLETS,
DANL. T. WILLETS,
EDMUND P. WILLETS.

New York, 2d mo. 17, 1848.

P. S.—Willets & Co. having assumed the entire business and accounts of the late Firm of A. & S. Willets, it will not be necessary to make any alteration in your books.

Mint U.S. Phil. March 3, 1848

Dear Sir,

In the enquiries made in your letter of yesterday I make the following answer.

1 Half Eagle coins, &c. &c.

(See within memo.)

"hard and brittle, and (in the language of the mint) poison the other bullion with which they are melted. They therefore require a thorough refining, and this we cannot make on a small parcels without great cost & loss.

Yrs

R M P.

To

Messrs. Meyer & Stucken

New York.

Memorandum from Assay-Office, for a reply to the inquiries of Messrs Meyer & Stucker;

March 3. 1848.—

Haytien Coin began to offer for coinage at this Mint, in Jany 1847. Within that year there were five deposit received; the last being in October; since which time they have been refused, as unfit for purposes of coinage without a previous refining:— Those five parcels ~~are~~ upon assay saw the following results: 583, 597, 611, 612, 641, thousandths fine; average of the whole, 609.

It seems therefore that they ought to yield 60 per cent. of fine metal; or in other words, a given weight of coin ought to contain two-thirds of that weight in metal of standard fineness. Assuming the original weight as stated by Messrs M & S. 693 ozs. would at that rate yield 462 ozs. standard, = $ 537.60. But as the coin is variable in fineness, it cannot be absolutely affirmed that that amount should have been realized.

The coins of Hayti are declined, not on account of their low or unsteady fineness, but on account of the presence of other alloying metals than copper, rendering the mass hard and brittle.

Mint U.S.
Phil. March 2/48.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state that prompt measures were taken by the Judge and Attorney of the U.S. District Court here, for securing the person of Mr. Hutchinson as soon as ~~the~~ Capt. Eckfeldt's vessel shall enter the river. The money obtained at St Thomas is in Capt. Eckfeldt's keeping, and he is a gentleman well known to us, and in whose integrity I believe that full faith may be placed.

As to the amount of the penalty which I suggested for the bond to be given by the Clerk who is to fill the vacant place in the Mint, I had not forgotten your recommendation that the sum should be $20,000; but I felt a repugnance to the selection of a sum, twice as large as that required of the Treasurer, and four times as large as that in the bond of the Clerk in charge of the Bullion fund, which is by far the greatest trust in the Mint. Were the penalty in the latter bond required to be also made $20,000, the incumbent, Mr. Sprague, might not be able to find sureties for such an amount, as his connections are not with wealthy men; and yet I would rather trust to his excellent character, than to any amount of the penalty that could be introduced into a bond.

If, however, it be thought in the Department

that the ~~bond~~ penalty should be raised to $20,000, I will not object to it, and I have no doubt that my nominee can find competent sureties for that amount.

R.W.Y.

To
W. C. Young, Esq.
Acting Secy of Treasury.

New York March 2d 1848

W. M. Ellerson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 26th June last reached us under cover, from the contents of which we were sorry to perceive that the Hayti Coins transmitted to you for seconage, were of so bad metal as to require refining.

We therefore submitted them to that process and had them reconied by the mediation of Messrs Beebe Ludlow & Co. The whole 693 oz thus furnished 289.90 Fine or $2006 70. Hayti $366.64 being about 17 7/8 cents a Dollar.

Being informed that Hayti Coins had furnished in former times 23 to 28, and at the same time finding the result not in accordance with your statement of 60% silver, it having furnished but about 5.3/2%, you would oblige us by giving us your opinion upon the subject and whether on future occasions, being anticipation of a further sum, we might not have refined it by your medium to better advantage.

We are,

Dear Sir,

very respectfully

Meyer Stecher

Treasury Department
March 1. 1848.

Sir

I transmit, enclosed, a copy of another letter received from the Attorney of the U States for the District of Louisiana. Should not immediate measures be adopted & enquiry instituted?

Your letter of the 28th ult with the enclosures has been received. every measure shall be taken to secure Mr. H. and the Money.

In your letter of the 24th ult. you suggest that the bond from the new Clerk be taken in the penalty of $10.000. Would not be better to fix it at $20.000 as recommended in the letter from the Department a few days since?

I am very Respy

M. L. Young
Act. Sec. Treasury

R. M. W. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

Gold.

Deposits at the U.S. Mint, 1848, from domestic mines

N.C.	Va.	Penn.	Al.	S.C.	Geo.	[illegible]	Cal.	
1,702	2,179							
4,276	2,013							
28,822	5,034	1,101	683					
919	26,135							
4,481	2,565							
4,522	1,351		1,717	19,228				
6,432.41	4,633.74							
21,127.93	447.59	2,395.78	1,269.60		2,334.10			
21,447.39	5,725.25							
7,658.30	3,461.09				1,036.41			
7,461.99	169.41							
183.80	4,172.43							
						681.56	44,177.	
109,033.82 (4)	57,886.51	3,496.78 (7)	3,664.60 (10)	19,228	3,370.51	688.56 (2)	44,177	= $ 241,543.78 (4)

C.

Coinage of the U. S. &c.

Years	Gold Value	Silver Value	Copper Value	Whole Coinage No. of pieces	Value
	As in previous tables to 1847 inclusive				
1848	3,775,512.50	2,040,050	64,157.99	12,649,790	5,879,720.49
Total	76,341,440	73,466,514.90	1,209,759.20	343,289,750	151,017,714.10

The Gross Value of Gold deposites for Coinage in 1847 $ 13,670,896.27

The sources whence derived, viz

Coins	United States, O. S.	35,534		
	Bechtler's No. Carolina	1,637		
	Foreign	13,169,314.27	+ 2,365 = 13,171,679.27	
			$ 13,206,485.27	
Bullion	Foreign	280,274.		
	Virginia	67,736.		
	North Carolina	97,854	+ 1,637 = 99,491	
	South Carolina	1,102		
	Georgia	10,547		
	Alabama	2,022		
	Tennessee	2,511		
	Other States Br. Mints	2,365	$ 464,411.—	$ 13,670,896.27

The Gross Value of Silver deposites for Coinage in 1847 $ 962,780.85

The sources whence derived, viz

Coins	United States			
	Foreign		$ 865,462.85	
Bullion	United States Br. Mint	2,255 / $ 4,394		
	Foreign	90,669.	97,318.—	$ 962,780.85

Mint U. S. Treasurer Office Phil. Jany 1848.

Baltimore 29 April 1848

Paid

R. M. Patterson Esq Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir We regret exceedingly to learn by your favor of yesterday, that the replenishment of the Hardin money has resulted with considerable loss to the Mint & that in consequence you cannot receive any further deposites of this specie for Coinage. We beg leave however to enquire whether you decline to receive the parcel of Fin $5.000.- which we advised you on 24th inst. we had taken the liberty to order on from New York & of Course before we were aware of your final determination regarding this Coin. If you are unable to take charge of it also, we request the favor to inform us in what other way you would recommend us to dispose of it to the most advantage for the owners. We thank you for the Duplt. Certificate of the Coin, proceeds of which reached us by Adams & Co's Express - the Duplt. of which also reached us afterwards by that agency. Regretting the trouble we have occasioned you, we are Dear Sir Yours obt. Servts. J. W. Brune & Sons.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

To the Treasurer of the Mint and others interested.

The Director of the Mint, in compliance with the law prescribes anew, with sundry modifications, the duties of clerkship in the Mint.

There shall be three clerks of the Mint: the Treasurer's Office-clerk, — the Treasurer's clerk of the weigh-room, — and the Director's clerk.

1. The Treasurer's Office Clerk

shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, keep the book-accounts of all the transactions of the Treasurer of the Mint in bullion and coin, both with the officers of the Mint and the Depositors, and the book-accounts of ordinary expenses of the Mint, except such of the books as are herein otherwise assigned. He shall also keep the accounts of the Treasurer incident to the purchase, coinage, and distribution of copper. He shall prepare and hand to the Assayer the gross weights of deposits on the usual blank forms; and shall check the Assayer's calculations thereupon; and shall make out the memorandums which are furnished to depositors, and take their receipts. He shall also make out the pay-rolls of Officers and of workmen, and the quarter-yearly abstracts of accounts which are forwarded to the Treasury Department.

2. The Treasurer's Clerk of the weigh-room

shall, in subordination to the Treasurer, weigh all the parcels of bullion and coin properly presented at his counter for that purpose, and keep account of the same as heretofore.

It shall further be the duty of this clerk to aid the Treasurer, or act for him, in the receipt and delivery of all parcels of bullion, and in the receipt and payment of all moneys, upon proper vouchers being presented, whether in the bullion, copper or ordinary account.

To this clerk, also, the Treasurer may, at his option, intrust such charge of his vault and of the treasure kept therein, as is required for conducting the current business of his department. But the Director, under his general superintending powers, advises, first, that without the presence and consent of the Treasurer or of the Clerk of the weigh room, no person shall enter the treasurer's vault, ~~unless it be for safekeeping of articles of value~~ secondly, that after and before Mint hours, the Clerk of the weigh room shall not have the means of access to the vault, except during a temporary absence of the Treasurer from the City, in which case he may, at the discretion of that officer, retain the keys.

3. The Director's Clerk

shall give his attention to the official correspondence of the Director, and to the agency of the Branch Mints, as heretofore.

It shall further be his duty to prepare all the Director's warrants, and see that they are signed; and to this end he shall take from the Office-Clerk the necessary data for the ~~bullion~~ copper warrants (from the clerk of the weigh room those for the bullion & coinage warrants); and shall himself examine into the accuracy of bills which form the vouchers for ordinary warrants. He shall attend to the execution of receipts upon ordinary warrants, and the warrants which pass between officers of the Mint.

He shall enter all the deposites of bullion in their appropriate Registers; and in footing up, upon the bullion-registers, the monthly aggregates of gold or silver deposites, shall see that the amounts correspond with those ~~reported~~ rendered by the Melter & Refiner for standard weight, and by the assistant assayer for value. He shall also keep the Reg. of Ordinary Expenses and the subsidiary registers of heads of appropriations, and of expenditures under these heads.

In case of the necessary or allowed absence of either of the Clerks, another clerk, ~~or (with the Assayer's consent and when the duties of his department will admit)~~ or if the Assayer consent the Assistant Assayer, may on the Treasurer's suggestion and with the Director's approbation, perform ~~his~~ the duties of the absent clerk.

The Director relies upon the courtesy of the Clerks in extending mutual aid in any emergency, since the limits of duty here assigned are for the sake of order and not of exclusion.

The Office hours for the transaction of business, during which the Clerks will be expected to be in the Mint, will be from nine to three o'clock, except on Saturday, when the offices will be closed at two o'clock.

R. M. Patterson,
Director

April 29, 1848.

RG104 E-1 Box 77

Mail A. S.

Phil. Ap. 28/48

Sir.

I send enclosed the result of our first operation upon the Hayti Coins. You will see that it has proved, as we feared, very expensive, and has taught us the mint a great lesson. We happily have still a large parcel to refine, and additional loss to incur. With this representation I need hardly add that we cannot receive any further deposites of this kind for Coinage.

Yrs

R. M. P.

Messrs. F. W. Brune & Sons
Baltimore

Hayti Coins.

	Weight after melting	Stand. Weight	Stand. Weight ounces dec
No. 104.	oz. 3117.00	oz. 237.90	
" 106.	1236.80	851.25	
	1575.80	1089.15	1,089.15

Returned Bars.

		Stand. g.	
No. 1.	694.30 @ 943m =	731.65	
" 2.	650.50 @ 420m =	303.55	
	1,346.80	1035.20	1,035.20

Loss in weight by working oz. 53.95

Value . . . $ 69.78

Total Sundry expenses for cost of material used & labor — 2mon. (say) 14.89

$ 77.67

Deduct Mint charge 8.19

Loss to the Mint . . . . . $ 69.48

Mint U.S. Phil. Ap. 28/48

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 24th on the subject of certain gold bullion which you wish to have coined here. Let me in the first place say that I will cheerfully serve you, in the case in any manner you may desire. I think, however, that your best course will be to send the bullion by the Steamer which plies between your city and ours, and allow it to be deposited in the name of the Clerk of the Boat, for you. He can then give receipt to us for the coins, and they can be sent to you by the return of the boat. This is the course usually pursued in similar cases.

I return your kind remembrances with great sincerity and am

most faithfully yours

R M P.

Dr

To/ P. H. Elmore, Esq.
Pres. Bk of State of S. C.

R. Patterson Esq.
Mount Pl.

New York April 24th 1841

Dr Sir

Yours of 22d is received — We have one Cask Black Lead [illegible] 52 lbs No 60
and One Cask Do ... 22 – 60
31 – 50

We have no No 440 on hand but 50s being so near the size will doubtless answer the purpose — please write by return of mail if you wish us to ship these Two Casks — and We will forward them without delay agreeably to your directions

Yours Respectfully
Wm Halsey & Co

Mint of the U.S. Phil. Ap. 21/48

Gent.,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours letter of yesterday.

The memorandum was given to the express agent with the $2759.09; but as there was also a parcel for New York, it is possible that he may have taken both memorandums there. I therefore send enclosed a duplicate.

The Bags marked A. & B. had not their contents weighed and assayed separately, as they were not each of the value of $100; but the memorandum will enable you to fix their values, as they claimed to be of the same amount.

Our Melter & Refiner has not yet worked off your deposits, but intends to do so in the course of the present week. He wishes to defer his action as to the two boxes which you mention, until the trial be fairly made upon the last parcel.

R. M. P. &c

Mess. F. W. Brune & Sons }
Baltimore

New York Apl 25th 1818

R. M. Patterson, Esqre
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

By Livingston Mr Express I send you a package to your address, conty two small bundles Gold dust, one marked R. No 5 & the other J.S.P. No 33 said to contain gold dust of very superior quality. — I will thank you to have coined & return the proceeds by them, who are authorized to receive it on my account. I beg you also to hand them the certificates of weight & value (One certificate for each parcel) in my own name.

I remain,
Sir,
your respectfully
A. Arangoren.

U. S. MINT, PHILA. April 25, 1848

To:
J. L. Hewitt
Milan, Pa.

Dear Sir—

I have received your letter of the 17th in which you state that you have found an extensive silver-mine and you ask for information as to the best method of obtaining the metal from the ore.

The first step for you to take is to ascertain whether the ore contains any silver at all, and for this purpose I recommend you to send specimens of it to Professor James Company, at his laboratory No. 217 Arch St. He will analyze it for you and if it contains silver can give you the information which you desire respecting the method of recovering it.

He will expect a remuneration for his work and will require that the specimens be sent without charge to him.

Very respectfully yrs
R. M. Patterson
Director

Sealed

Baltimore 24 April 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir. We received from Adams & Co's Expss Agents on Saturday five bags specie Contg. $27590 which we presume were sent on by them as specie of the last parcel of abt. Five $10000 - forwarded from New York. - We request the favor of you to send us a Certificate of the Result of this Coin, & if possible, that of two bags marked A & B, separately, said to contain each about Five $1000. - each. - When the writer had the pleasure of Calling on you, he stated that in all probability we should not receive any more of this Coin, having advised our Correspondents of the difficulty attending the disposal of it at par circulation; much against our wishes we this morning received a Bill of Lading of two bxes Contg. about Five $5000 - per Brig Topaz, just arrived at New York from St Thomas, which were shipped

shipped before our friends were in possession of our instructions to suspend further supplies, until you had expressed your willingness to receive them for coinage at the Mint. - We assure you that it annoys us exceedingly to be obliged once more to trespass on your indulgence, but trusting that you will again allow us to avail of your kindness, we have taken the liberty today, while sending on the Documents for entry at the New-York Customhouse, to direct our agents there, Messrs Meyer & Stucken, to send on the specie to you in the same manner as the two last parcels, - believing as we do most positively, that our instructions not to send any more of this coin for the present, will have reached St. Thomas before another parcel can have been shipped. - By agreeing also to take charge of this lot you will greatly increase our obligations, & of this, we assure you we are duly sensible. -

After the specie is received please account to us direct for it, either by your certificate made negotiable to our order, or by sending us the specie, as you may prefer. - We are respectfully Yr. obt. svts. J. W. Baird & Sons. -

Statement of Contents of 2 boxes H. Coin recd. per Brig Topaz from St Thomas

B/NR #5	1 box contg	3 bags of 1000	H. $3000.-
		1 " "	" " 500.-
		1 " "	" " 537.25
" " 6	1 " "	2 " " 500	" " 1000.-
	1	1 " "	" " 342.-
			H. $5379.25

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Bank State South Caro.
Charleston
Apl. 24. 1848.

My dear Sir

We have some twenty odd thousand dollars of gold bullion in Bank, which we wish coined — If we send it to the Mint our difficulty is that we have no receiving agent in Philadelphia — If we ship it directed to you, will you receive it & have it coined for us?

Pray, if you allow us to ship it to you, oblige me by giving me any instructions that may suggest themselves to you.

Allow me to renew my dear Sir the assurances of my great respect & of my continued remembrance of your former courtesies.

With great regard
Yr. ob. Servt.
F H Elmore
President

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Phila.

New York April 20. 1841

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,

Sir

By Livingston & Co Express I send you a small package of Gold Dust, Number A. 41. containing 42 Castellanos, the same being of a superior quality, and which you will please have the goodness to have coined, and to remit by me the amount, together with a certificate made out in my name with the above named Express:- The same to be done at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully A. Wanabergh.

62 Fulton St
N. Y.

New York April 17th 1848

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We send you herewith a Sealed Bag addressed to you by Livingston & Co. Expressp Containing Four packages Gold Dust and Marked & Numbered as follows Viz:

5 lbs @ Nos 1 @ 2 Two packages — to be assayed together
" No 3 one Package to be assayed Separate
" " 4 One do to be assayed Separate

This Gold is represented by our South American friends to be of Superior quality and we will thank you to receipt to Livingston & Co Expressp and return proceeds by them with certificate of Weight and Value in our Name as soon as it can be Converted into Coin

We beg to remain
very respectfully
Your Obliged friends & Servts
Evans & Brown

Washt. D.C.
April 17/18.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor of send-
ing to me the Bill ~~passed~~ adopted for establish-
ing ~~the~~ a Branch Mint at New York.
In this measure to meet with serious ~~and~~
~~intelligent~~ opposition, or is to be allowed
to pass without a full statement for your-
self, or some other competent person, which
will at least enable the members to vote
with knowledge of the circumstances of the
case? Pray write to me on the sub-
ject.

Very truly yours,
R. M. P.

To
Hon. Jer. R. Reynolds

[Copied & sent]

Mint U.S. Ph. Apr. 17/48

Sir,

Mr. Alexander Vattemare brought with him from Paris a series of medals which he informed us were sent for the Mint. We have received from him a message informing us that these medals were left by him with the Secretary of the Treasury and asking that I would make application for them. I have accordingly now the honor to do so, as we are very desirous of having them in our cabinet.

R.M.P.
Dr.

To
McC. Young, Esq.
Acting Sec. of Treas.

Dear Sir

I wish some information of you if you are willing to give it. Myself in connection with with two other Men have found an Extensive Silver Mine of the Brittle Sulphuret & Sulphuretted Antimonial kind which we have tested by Acids &c We wish to know the best Manner of obtaining the Metal from the Ore & whether it can be smelted in a Cupola Furnace also what is the best Fluxe to be used. Sir if you are aquainted with these Matters as I presume you are you will confer a favor on us by giving Me the necessary information without Delay

Direct to John L Hurit
Milan
Bradford Co
Pa

Smithfield April 11th 45

Your Most Obt Servt J. L. Hurit

Dr. C. Booth
Laboratory in Arch St. Hall
No. 27

Sir,

Fearing I might not find you in, when I should call, I had prepared the present few lines, to state my purpose and to explain my position—

I have understood, that there was an opening in the Mint, for an officer to serve as Treas[r] and Clerk— and I wished to learn if I might be qualified to fill it, and then, if I might be acceptable—

You perhaps already know my character— That I have been 34 years Cashier in the Bank of Germ[t]; and have been favorably known to the public as the Author of the Annals of Phila[a]— and the Annals &c of New York— Having recently resigned my place as Cashier in the Bank of Germ[t], I am therefore engaged to seek some other office in pursuit—

The short note from C. J. Ingersoll Esq[r] enclosed, will serve to show that he is my friend; — and as it refers to a subject before one of the Departments at Washington, I use the occasion to say, that my name, and [a] family merit in the Revolution, merit there in sufficient commendation — Of the Philada bar, stands the second testimonies of C J Ingersoll, W[m] B Reed, Tho[s] I. Wharton, Jos R Ingersoll, Rich[d] Vaux M W Balch, P.S. Duponceau, J M Brown — all writing — personal friends—

There

There is a friendly letter in my behalf to the Secy of the Navy, from the Hon Judge Bancroft in London treating me as his personal friend; and bespeaking his regard

There is one also, from the late Comdr Elliott, to Presdt Polk, professing himself the friend of myself & family — One from Col Fanning of the Alleghanies army, my kinsman — And a cluster of requests from the Penna Members at Harrisburg at the last Session —

I am still continuing my position in the Bank of Germantown, and may suit myself as to time of change — In the mean time, I shall be obliged for your favorable consideration whenever an appointment may be to be made — And should you desire any further intercourse on this subject, before I may call on you, I shall promptly obey any note from you to that effect.

I am very respectfy

John L Watson

Bank of Germantown April 1848

THIRTIETH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

H. R. 396.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

APRIL 13, 1848.

Mr. TALLMADGE on leave introduced the following bill: which was read twice, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

JULY 12, 1848.

Mr. NICHOLL, from the said Committee, reported the same back without amendment, when it was committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

A BILL

To establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a branch of the mint of the United States shall be established in the city of New York, for the coinage of gold and silver. And for the purpose of purchasing a site, erecting a suitable building, and completing the necessary combinations of machinery for the said branch, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as

the necessary buildings shall be erected for the purpose of well conducting the business of the said branch, the following officers shall be appointed, upon the nomination of the President, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, viz: one superintendent, one treasurer, one assayer, one melter and refiner, and one coiner. And the said superintendent shall engage and employ as many clerks and as many subordinate workmen and servants as shall be provided for by law; and the salaries of said officers and clerks shall be as follows:

To the superintendent the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars; to the treasurer the sum of two thousand dollars; to the assayer two thousand dollars; to the melter and refiner two thousand dollars; to the coiner two thousand dollars; to two clerks the sum of twelve hundred dollars each; to the subordinate workmen and servants, not exceeding twenty in number, such wages and allowances as are customary and reasonable, according to their respective stations and occupations.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers and clerks to be appointed under this act, before entering upon the duties thereof, shall take an oath or affirmation, before some judge of the United States, faithfully and diligently to perform the duties thereof; and shall each become bound to the United States of America, with one or

more sureties, to the satisfaction of the director of the mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, with condition for the faithful and diligent performance of the duties of their offices.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the general direction of the business of said branch of the mint of the United States shall be under the control and regulation of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, subject to the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury; and, for that purpose, it shall be the duty of the said director to prescribe such regulations and require such returns, periodically and occasionally, as shall appear to him to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this act in establishing the said branch; also for the purpose of discriminating the coin which shall be stamped at said branch and at the mint itself; also for the purpose of preserving uniformity of weight, form, and fineness in the coins stamped at said branch; and, for that purpose, to require the transmission and delivery to him at the mint, from time to time, of such parcels of the coinage of said branch as he shall think proper, to be subjected to such assays and tests as he shall direct.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all the laws and parts of laws made for the regulation of the mint of the United States, and for the government of the officers

and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the mint or coinage of the United States, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, in full force in relation to the branch of the mint by this act established, so far as the same shall be applicable thereto.

New York 13 April 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia. –

Dear Sir. In conformity with your kind permission I have today requested Mess.rs Meyer & Stucken of this place to forward you as p enclosed "Express" receipt, one box & one bag cont.g the Haitien coin mentioned in our conversation viz

$\frac{B}{N.a}$ # 1. –	4 bags cont.g about $	1000. – each
	2 " " "	600. –
	1 " " "	1600. –
	1 " " "	500. –
	1 " " "	912.12
	1 " " "	552.25

Also 2 bags marked A & B said to contain 1000. – or in all about Hay $10.320.75 – We are directed to give a separate account to the owners of the contents of the two last named bags viz A & B; we request therefore if not too inconvenient, that you will give us a statement of the result of them independently of the rest. – and as soon as tested I beg that you will inform my house in Baltimore (F. W. Brune & Sons), what amount with you they have to dispose of. – Our friends Mess.rs Meyer & Stucken informed me this morning that they have just received themselves, another parcel of Hay. Coin, which

which they have [illegible] to send on to you, together with ours, being under the impression that the same inconvenience will be caused to the Mint in refining a smaller or larger lot, — These gentlemen will give you their own instructions about their parcel. —

With the renewal of thanks to my Mr Colleague & yourself for permission to send you this Coin I am

Respectfully Your obt Svt

William H. Brune

Messrs Meyer & Stucken inform me that you will send us the Coin ret^d to Baltimore, what may result of the currency. —

New York 13 April 1858

R. M. Patterson Esqr

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Having reference to the annexed letter of Mr W. H. Brune and trusting that it will not be more inconvenient to you to receive a larger than a smaller quantity of Peruvian Coin we have taken the liberty to send to you by Adams & Co Express

M S 3 boxes cntg

7500 Peruvian Dollars

which we request you to receive and have recoined into American currency to be returned to us. We just today received it from the Plata by the Mary A Howland. — If you should positively refuse to have any thing more to do with this coin, then we would beg of you to keep it with you and give us your advice whether there is not perhaps a refiner in Philadelphia who can be relied upon as we have bought too dear experience with the refiner here.

Awaiting your agreeable news we remain

Dear Sir yours very respectfully

Meyer & Stucken

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Mint U.S.
Phil April 12/48.

Dear Sir,

I see that the bill for establishing a Branch Mint at New York is soon to be brought before the Senate for discussion. May I ask you to do me the favor of sending me a copy of the bill?

I need not say how happy you would render me to find that the amount of gold bullion we purchase would not without foundation

Respectfully

Hon. J. M. Dallas
U. S. A.

Mint U.S.
Phila April 11 184[illegible]

Sir

I received this morning your letter of the 2d inst., with the enclosed sheet of lead, supposed to contain gold. If it had done so, it could not have been received at the Mint for coinage, without being previously separated. But you will perhaps be surprised to learn, that, by a careful assay which we have just completed, the lead which you sent contains but <u>one</u> part of precious metal in 12,500, and that of this minute portion not more than <u>one-third</u> part is gold.

R. M. P.
[illegible]

Mr. Joseph Walton,
[illegible] P.O.
Canada West

MEMORANDUM OF GOLD BULLION deposited the 16th day of April 1848, at the **MINT OF THE UNITED STATES**, at Philadelphia, by James R. Snowden, Treasr

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION.	WEIGHT. Before Melting. Ounces.	Dec.	After Melting. Ounces.	Dec.	Fineness. Thous.	VALUE. Dollars.	Cents.	ADDITION. Silver Extracted. Ounces.	Dec.	Value of Silver. Dollars.	Cents.	DEDUCTION. alloy Dollars.	Cents.	NET VALUE. Dollars.	Cents.
Sovereigns	2262	38	2262	20	915½	42,812	29		—	—		1	17	42,811	12
Fr. Coins	1630	18	1,630	06	899	30293	00		—	—			—	30,293	00
U.S. Coins	92	08	92	07	914	1,739	57		—	—			—	1,739	57
	3984	64	3984	33		74844	86		—		—		—	74843	69

Seventy four thousand eight hundred and forty three 69/100 dollars.

[illegible signature]
For the Treasurer of the Mint.

Mackie D & E N

Box No 1 Contains 7 double Eagles
12 Eagles
12 eights & 3 equal to 11½ double Eagles
25½ lbs Silver bullion
4½ " Old Silver Plate
Boxes No 2 & 3 Contain 220 Marks 8 oz Silver bullion

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director
U. S. Mint
Philada

Sir We Send above a mem of the contents of three Boxes sent to the mint, to be coined The Silver we want is dimes and half dimes

We are
Very respectfully
Your Ob Servts
D. & J. Dickerson

Marked D.B.F.M.

Box No 1 Contains 7 doubloons
12 qr do
12 eighth do } equal to 11½ doubloons
20 lbs Silver bullion
4½ do Old Silver Plate

Box No 2 & 3 contain 226 Marks 18½ oz Silver bullion

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director
U. S. Mint
Philad[a]

Sir, we send above a memo of the contents of three Boxes sent to the mint, to be coined. The Silver we want in dimes and half dimes

we are
Very respectfully
Your Ob Serv[t]
S. H. Nickerson

The undersigned, acting under the Authority of the Marshal of the U. S. for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, would respectfully represent—

That on the morning of the 13th March 1818, in pursuance of a Warrant issued in our hands, we arrested Caudal Hutchinson, charged with embezzling Money of the U. S. from the Mint of the U. S. The said Hutchinson at the time of his apprehension was at his dwelling in this city, under no restraint Whatever.

That one of our number, was for several days stationed, on the Delaware River, 80 Miles below the city, watching the arival of the Brig Mr J Watson, Capt. Eckfelt, in which he (Hutchinson) was a passenger from the Island of St. Thomas - That immediately on the arival of the Vessel on the Evening of the 12th all spent that night in watching his dwelling so that he might not elude our pursuit.

We, therefore, in view of our services, and the apprehension of said Hutchinson, claim the reward offered for the same, by the authorities of the U. S.

Philadelphia April 7. 1818

William H. Miller

Thomas O'Neil

James Wiggins

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 6, 1846.

Sir,

The trial of Mr. Randal Hutchinson for embezzlement of money in the Mint committed to his charge, was concluded this morning, after examinations and argument which occupied a week. The Jury, after an absence of about an hour and a half brought in a verdict of guilty. An application has been made, by Mr. Hutchinson's counsel, for a new trial, and this will not be argued until the Circuit Judge, Mr. Grier, shall be in Philadelphia.

R. M. S.

Hon. Wm. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department
April 5. 1845.

Sir

The Treasurer of the US. has been, this day, instructed to draw his transfer draft on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York for One hundred and fifty thousand Dollars, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia - to be paid at the Mint in foreign gold coins and to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer US. on bullion account, for the present. The object of the transfer, is, of course to have the foreign gold re-coined.

I am very Respt
A. C. Young
Act. Sec. Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philada

Mon'tr. Md. Apr. 5/46

Sirs,

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that the Hartley Coin which was sent to us by Messrs. Meyer & Stuber has not yet been disposed, and that we are therefore still ignorant of the difficulties which this operation may present. When this point shall be ascertained I will let you know the result

Yrs &c

R. M. D.

Messrs. P. W. Bruns & Sons

Baltimore

Baltimore 4 April 1848

Copy

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia -

Dear Sir. Referring to our respect of 23rd inst.
thanking you for acceding to our request
to receive the Mexican Coin in the hands of
our New York friends, - we have this morning
the account from them of the result of
your trial of it, which proves very satisfactory
to us. - We hope the trouble you may
have had in deciding this matter has been less
than you anticipated, & that you will therefore
kindly authorise us to draw upon you
New York to send us by rail the large amount
to our address - which we presume will by this
time have arrived here. -
Offering you our thanks once more for favoring
us by the receipt of this Coin, we are
Dear Sir
Your obt. Svt.
F. W. Brandreth

Township of Norwich Canada West

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a sample of Gold as obtained from Auriferous Manganese by the common process of smelting Ore by Lead, & then scorifying the lead to litharge and afterwards with nitre to separate any base metal that might be contained therein, from which I believe it is perfectly divested, — but the sulphur is not yet expelled, & perhaps there is some acid quality contained or imbibed in it by the nitrous process or other cause. —

A few of my neighbours with myself are about to form a small company, — but we wish to obtain some information before we go to much expence in erecting works &c — therefore part of the information desired is to ascertain from you, if such metal or raw gold, can be received at the mint as per sample and what rate per lb &c, and if not in said state, it would oblige us very much if you would give some directions, how I can as the operator, bring it to such a degree of fineness as to be received by you, — please to reply as quick as possible

I remain yours &c

Jos. Watson

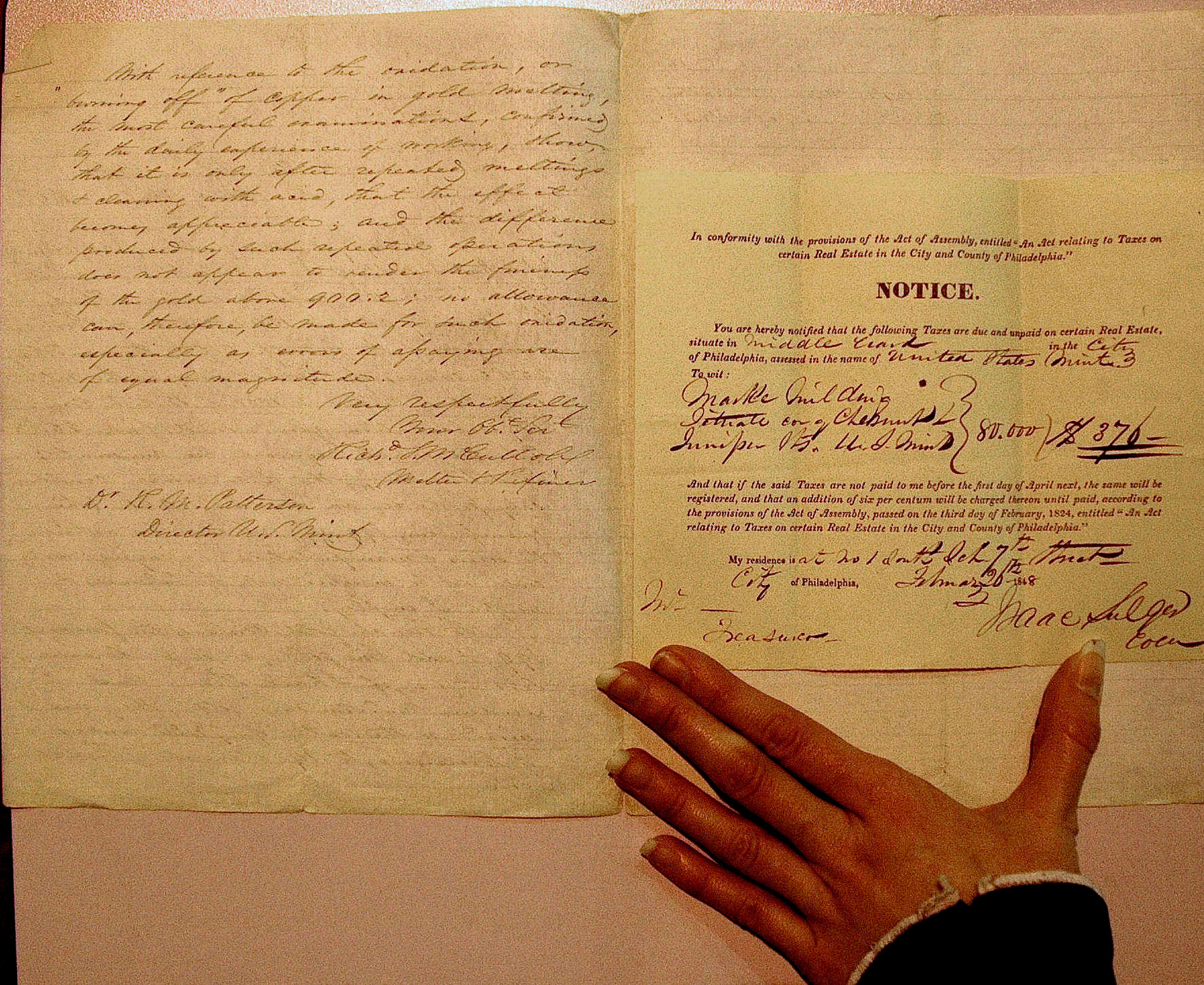
April 3rd 1848
Norwichville Post Office

Melter & Refiner's Office
U.S. Mint, April 1848

Dear Sir,

In reply to your question, I respectfully state, that I melt gold in our bullion calculated to yield between 1500 and 1600 ounces. That I uniformly add to 1500 ounces of British sovereigns of the fineness 915/1000 thousandths, 25.85 ounces of copper; being in the ratio of 17.35 of copper to 1000 of British coin. By calculation you would find 25.83 to be the exact required ~~the~~ amount; the difference $\frac{2}{100}$ths of an ounce could only produce an error of 0.01, (the fineness being 899.99), which is far within the errors of manipulation in assaying; and could not be weighed with the balances & weights I employ.

The French gold coins of the fineness 899, I add fine gold, or, in preference, sovereigns, if I have them. And to produce the U.S. standard gold, they are mixed in the ratio of 90.30 ounces of sovereigns, to 14.00 ounces of French coins.



With reference to the oxidation, or "burning off" of copper in gold melting, the most careful examinations, confirmed by the daily experience of melting, show that it is only after repeated meltings & cleaning with acid, that the effect becomes appreciable; and the difference produced by such repeated operations does not appear to render the fineness of the gold above 900.2; no allowance can, therefore, be made for such oxidation, especially as errors of assaying are of equal magnitude.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Richd. S. McCulloh
Melter & Refiner

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint

In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate, situate in Middle Ward *in the* City *of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of* United States Mint

To wit:

Marble Building
Situate on Chesnut St
Juniper St. U.S. Mint } 80.000 } $376

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My residence is at No 1 South Sch 7th Street
City of Philadelphia, February 26th 1848

Mr. —
Treasurer

Isaac Sulger
Coll.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 31, 1848.

Dear Sir,

The Cake of native silver from Lake Superior, which you sent to us, was received on the 26th inst.

You will see, by the receipt ~~Lists~~ enclosed, that its weight was 96.8 oz. Troy, which corresponds with your statement of 6 lbs. 10 oz. Avoirdupois.

To determine the fineness, pieces were taken from opposite ends, and their assay by cupellation gave an average of 958 thousandths pure silver. The humid assay was found impracticable, from the presence of earthy matter. An ounce of the metal was then cut off from the two ends, and carefully melted, with a proportion of flux, which should remove all the earthy constituents, and obtain all the metal; and the result was a loss in melting of 5 per cent. The assay of the silver resulting proved to be 999½ thousandths, within a minute fraction of absolute purity. The two results confirm each other; since 96.80 oz. (original weight) at 958 fine, or 92 oz. (weight after melting) at 999½ fine, give the same value within about 3 cents.

The native metal we receive is therefore composed of 95 per cent silver,
5 " earthy matter.
100.

[redacted]

96.8 / 484°

96.80 / 485 / 91.95

Cake of silver from Lake Superior. The assay of the metal in its crude or native state, (pieces being taken from opposite ends,) gave an average result of 950 fine, by the cupellation; the humid assay being impracticable from the presence of earthy matter. — An ounce of the metal was then cut off from the two ends, carefully melted with a protective flux, which should preserve all the metallic, and remove all the earthy, constituents, and the result was a loss, in melting, of 5 per cent. The assay of the silver resulting, was 999½, say fine silver. The two results perfectly conform each other, since 96.80 ozs. (original weight) @ 950 fine, or 92 ozs. (weight after melting) @ 999½ fine, yield the same money, within about three per cents. The native metal or ore is therefore composed of 95 per cent silver
5 per cent earthy matter
100.

To the Resident and Directors of the U.S.
Mint at Philadelphia.

Gentlemen. I feel anxious
to have some good Situation whereby I may take care
of myself and family and if I should get a
Situation which may be at your disposal. I should
be quite as anxious to conduct myself in a proper
manner thereby hopeing to continue in such a
Situation as you may be pleased to give me

[Removed to — South East Cor. of Ninth & Buttonwood Sts.
Ridge Road 3d Route from the S.E. Cor. of Green]

John Beans

For information of my Character I offer the following
named Gentlemen as References some of which have
known me from 10 to 15 years

John Randolph
Benj.n Rush Doct.r N. Shoemaker. M. Brown
J.M. Stroud S. Brown. C.A. & G.W. Williams & Co. I. Peters
I. Palmer. Stevenson & Morris. C.P. Moyer. Doct.r Hatfield
W.m Sarden. Francis. Field & Francis. Doct.r Rodman
Johnathan Lukens. Doct.r Meigs. S.A. Wagner
W.m A. Stinett. A.C. Geminy. S.B. Andrews. Pr. Fagan
W.m J. Connor Doct.r Dubbs. B. Davis. A. Ellis.
W.m & D. Landreau. M. Arrison. J.C. Arrison.
C.M. Stocton. H.M. Carpenter J. Agnew H. Horn.
Doct.r S.A. Elkinton. J.M. Bunn. J.S. Nite.
R. Wood. J. Baird. T. & L. Thompson. Shaffer & Co.

Boston May 24th 1848

Dear Sir.

Yours of 18 Inst. was duly received by me.

Agreeably to your suggestion I have this day forwarded to you by Adams & Co's Express the Mass of Native Silver referred to in your letter, & have advised Prof Henry that I have done so.

Please to acknowledge receipt of the Specimen, and to inform me at your early convenience of its value which if you can send to me by check or otherwise, as shall be most agreeable to you.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Svt.

Hammond Whitney

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U. S. Phil. 18 May '48

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., respecting a mass of silver found at Eagle River, Lake Superior, and in possession of the "Lake Superior Copper Company". It is entirely within our province to receive this mass of silver as a deposite, and we will return its value in silver coins. Prof. Henry was right in saying "that we are not obliged to melt it immediately, and that it may be finally preserved".

If the Company determine to send the silver to us, they can do so safely by Adams' Express line.

R.M.P.

Hammond Whitney Esq.
Lake Superior Copper Company
Boston

Boston May 11. 1848.

Dr Patterson
U.S. Mint
Phila.

Dr Sir

The Trustees of the Lake Superior
Mining Co.[illegible] have in their possession here a mass
or boulder of native Silver weighing upwards of
Six pounds, which was found on the Location of
that Company at Eagle River, Lake Superior.

As the Trustees contemplated disposing of
this remarkable Specimen to a Silversmith, I informed
Dr. C.T. Jackson of this City who wrote to Prof. Henry of
the Smithsonian Inst. respecting that Gentleman might be
prepared to purchase the Specimen for the Institute.

Prof. Henry in a recent letter to me advises that it
be sent to the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia, the writes-
"Dr Patterson I am sure will readily give it value
in Current Coin - and as it will not be obliged to melt
it immediately, I have strong hopes that in this way
it may be finally procured."

If you are disposed to
purchase, have the goodness to inform me at your early
convenience what price you are willing to pay for the
Specimen.

Very Respectfully
Y. Obt. Svt.
Edmund Whitney
Treas. L.S.M.C.

Salem 15 May

Sr. U.S. Mint

I have this day sent
per Harnden's Express 1 keg of
gold dust. containing as per my
invoice 646.12 oz. please assay
& forward me the certificate per
mail & oblige yours

Robert Brookhouse

1 Keg R.B.
2

632.30

Mint U. S. Phil. 13 May '48

Sir,

In the absence of the Director I have to acknowledge your letter of the 9th inst. in which you ask how you may procure small coins, and in reply I beg to state that you will have to deposite the amount required in silver bullion or foreign coins of which we will return you the real value as determined by assay. As a matter of personal accommodation I will myself attend to the payment of any expenses for freight, insurance &c which you may deem necessary, and deduct the amount from the proceeds of the deposite.

Allow me to suggest, however, that by ~~the~~ far the most convenient and perhaps the most economical course for you to take would be to apply to a bullion broker here to manage the transaction. ~~& that~~ He would ~~attend~~ defray any expenses attending the transportation and ~~can you can purchase the coin of him by draft a and pay for them~~ you can reimburse him by your draft without concerning yourself ~~and for other expenses~~ ~~in relation~~ to make a specific deposit. I recommend to you, for this purpose, the house of Ludlow Beebe & Co of this city.

R. S.

Dir & Clk (?)

W. H. Jones, Esq Cash.

Raleigh N. C.

Treasury Department
May 12. 1838.

Sir

Your letter dated the 5th. inst was duly received and has been submitted to the President who has approved the arrangement proposed by you in relation to the Clerks in the Mint. and you are hereby authorized to carry it into effect.

I am very respy
Mc Clintock
Act. Sec of the Treasury.

Dr. R M. Patterson
Director of the Mint

Bank of Cape Fear
Raleigh N.C
May 9th 1848

Doct R. M. Patterson
Director Mint U.S
Phila

What Kinds of
funds do you required in payment for Small
change, I want about $75, in five cents pieces
& some $75 in Gold; what amt must I
send you to pay for the coin, its freight &
insurance to Phila

Your Respectfully
W. W. Jones
Cashr

Worcester May the 8th 1848

Sir:

Your reply to mine of the 3d is just received and I am happy to be able to convince you that such a coin as I propose can be produced as follows. When the coin is formed into the blanks from the Plate, preparatory to striking the impression. the same blow that clips it out should be made to sink a spot in the center of the coin as shown in the cros section below.

You will perceive that the sides of the sunken part are perpendicular with the plane of the coins face, so there will be no difficulty in withdrawing the die. Now the design to be struck on the coin must be of such a form as to give a prominent relief around the sunken spot and low near its edge the result will be as seen in the next diagram

of the sunken spot

You see now the sides have a round a considerable inclination with the coins plane, in fact you have a circular dove tail in the center of your coin that will not permit any but a tapper in-

to be taken from the coin with any material whatever. If the appearance of the coin is not pleasing you can alter it as follows by giving two impressions instead of one. let your first impression raise only prominent blanks where you intend designs as seen below

these around your letters of figures on the die have a bevel border. that will produce the following effect

giving as you perceive a raised circular dove tail. The first method however is the most simple and cheapest. and if you have a small projection from the face of your die with the denomination of the coin so as to impress it on the bottom of the sunken spot as seen in the second diagram it appears to me that it is all that can be required. The latter experiment I have tried with perfect success, but the dies have since been worked into other purposes, if however you should wish a demonstration I am ready to satisfy you. I really believe the subject to be of great importance and some of our first Mechanics and Scientific Men have urged me to lay it before the Secretary of Treasury. but deeming yourself the practical head of the coinage and feeling that you could point out the difficulty (if any) and appreciate the merits (if any) I have laid it before you

Business calls me to Europe in the course of a few weeks, and it is uncertain how long I may remain. So that if you deem the matter worthy of any attention an early movement will be necessary

Yours Truly
[illegible]

R. M. Patterson
Director
U. S. Mint

(Private) ~~Confidential~~

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 6, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a letter to the Secretary, ~~&c~~ You will see that it requires the action of the President, & there things should be attended to. I am anxious to have an early reply to it, as it may require a modification in the Appropriation bill; which how can we handle the Machine, or it will reduce the amount.

I sent to the President, the 13th inst., an ~~Estimate~~ report on the subject of the depositing Standard of the New Orleans gold coins of 1847. Have heard nothing since with respect to the matter. It belongs to your Department. Do you know whether any action has been taken regarding it?

R. Patterson

M. E. Gray Esq.

R. Patterson Esq

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions We have shipp[d] pr Ship Galena for N Orleans, One Cask of Lead Pots directed to "J M Kennedy Supt the Mint N Orleans" amt'g to $78 $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars as pr above Invoice and enclosed Bill of Lading — We wish you would ~~mention~~ advise the Kennedy that We have One Cask Contg 23 no 60 / 31 – 50 [?] for which We shall be pleased to receive your order

Please remit the amt of above Bill to us pr Mail, or authorize us to draw upon you for the same

Yours Respectfully
[illegible]

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Nov 6, 1845

Sir,

On the 29th of March, I had the honor to write to you on the subject of an appointment to fill the Clerkship ~~formerly~~ held by Alexander Patterson. On that occasion I mentioned that our experience since this place ~~had~~ was created, had led us to believe that the three remaining Clerks could ~~not~~ satisfactorily perform all the duties, and I solicited no action should be taken with regard to the vacancy until further trial should enable us to determine whether the ~~appointment~~ vacant clerkship could not be dispensed with. Our experience of four months has now convinced us that it can, under an arrangement of the duties which has been prescribed, and which is now in full operation.

This arrangement has included the labor of all the Clerks, and has placed them, in this respect, as nearly as possible upon the same footing. ~~It is therefore not respectfully ask that the Vacant~~ It is therefore but just that they should be put upon the same footing as to salary.

In the 7th Sect. of the Act of Jan 18, 1837, it is enacted that "To the assistants and Clerks, such annual salaries shall be allowed as the Director may determine, with the approbation of the President: Provided, that no Assistant shall receive more than 1500 dollars, and that a Clerk shall not receive more than 1200 dollars."

I therefore propose that the salaries of the three clerks be twelve hundred dollars each; and I most respectfully ask, that you, that the President may give his approbation to this proposed arrangement.

The salaries heretofore have been from clerk $1100, to the $1100 each, and to one $1000. The new arrangement will therefore have an annual sum of $800.

R. M. T.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Mint U.S. May 5, 1848.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of ~~the~~ yesterday, in which you state that you have examined a ~~the~~ by which you think you can produce a coin which will not admit of an imposition being taken even in case, as the cost of the coinage will be the same as that of the present money." That a device would prevent one of the processes used by counterfeiters, and if it be practicable I should be glad to be made acquainted with it. Let me confess to you, however frankly, that, no coin can be formed by a blow from a die, ~~but~~ so that a casting or imposition cannot be afterwards made from the coin. The die is retained from it, as they cannot an imposition which is a fac-simile of the die, also be retained from it.

Yours

H. Linn?

Director

To/
Henry M. Paine, Esq.
Ironsides. Mass.

Washington D.C. Dec 8, 1848

Sir. A letter from you to the superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans on the subject of your coin which lately appeared in the Public Journals, has obtained a plan which I conceived some year back of keeping the coins from the peculiar process by which dies are now made without the skill of the die sinker.

If I am correct in supposing that the Mint does not pay so much the imitation of the dies by regular die sinkers, as it does some peculiar process by which an impression can be obtained from the coin itself, and that without any artistical effort, I have not the least doubt but that my plan will be successful. In short sir I can produce a coin which will not admit of an impression being taken even in wax, and the cost of its coinage will be the same as that of the present money.

Should you deem the subject worthy your notice I shall be most happy to lay the details before you at an early period. any communication directed to me at Worcester Mass. will find me.

Yrs

Henry M Perrine

"——Patterson Esq
U.S. Mint Philada"

on—

P.S. I can refer to the following Gent
Hon David Haskins. Boston
Col Jesse Thompson, Washington
Mr Grayson of the Ordnance Department Washington

Barnstable Bank
Yarmouth Port, May 2. 1848

Director of the U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have with Draft

In defaced cents		$70.95
172	Spanish pieces @ 93c	159.96
1	Shilling	1.
3	Crowns @ 1.08	3.24
		$ 239.15

Which you will please have coined 1/3 amount in 1/2 dimes (50 pieces) and 2/3 amount in dimes (100 pieces), and deliver the same when coined to the bearer hereof

Respectfully Yours,

Amos Otis Cashr

B. Bakewell

Mint U. S. Phil. May 1st/48

Gent/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ulto.

The parcel of $5000 Hayti coins, mentioned in your letter of the 24th, and which you say that you had ordered on from N. Y., has not been brought to us and cannot be received.

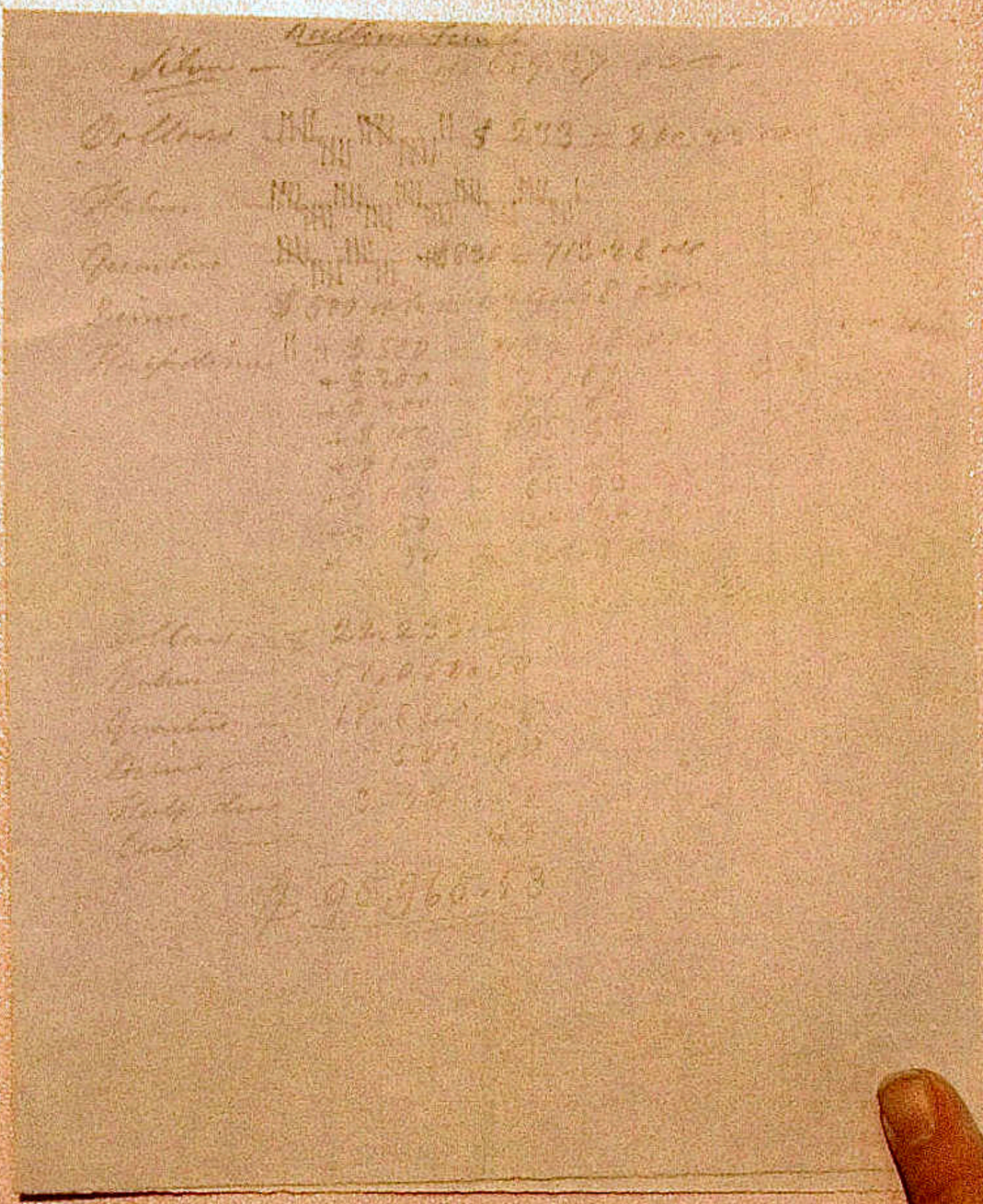
We have about 4500 oz. of your Hayti Coins still on our hands unrefined, and on which we are to sustain a considerable loss.

I know of no course by which you can have these base coins refined, except that of committing them to the professional refiners, of whom there are several in New York. I presume that you will try a different house from that which you before employed, and you will oblige me if you will let me know the result.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Mess. F. W. Brune & Sons
Baltimore

P.S. Since this letter was written, there were brought to the mint, by Adams & Co's line, two boxes marked like those which before bore Hayti coins, and which were presumed to be those referred to in your letters of the 24th & 29th ulto., though there was no written notice regarding them. They were accordingly sent back to Adams & Co's office to await orders from the parties who sent them. R.M.P.



Ordinary Account

[illegible] $ 455.—
[illegible] 127.50
[illegible] 127.20
11

729.81 [illegible]

888.42 [illegible]

Copper Fund

[illegible]	$ 500.—
[illegible]	680
[illegible]	405
[illegible]	100
	$ 1,685

Copper Coins &c. in hands of Mr Edelman

	$217.37	in cents [illegible], in office chest
	8.05	" change
27 kegs =	2,700.	in kegs in Vault
	36.24	" half cents in ~~[illegible]~~ office
5 "	410.—	" half cents in Vault
	3.369.66	

Comptroller's Office, New York
June 30. 1848

Dear Sir.

You will oblige me if you will cause me to receive the following information by mail or printed information:
"The value, weight, & alloy of American Coins," & the
"Coin of a legal tender & the foreign coins now current
"in this country & their weight value & alloy". In case
you can give the information by letter I have a request that you
will cause me to receive the letter to my Comptroller
Office when the inquiries are made

Yours truly Respectfully
A. D. Patterson

Dr. H. L. Pattison
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Count of Moneys in Assistant Treasury
June 30, 1848.

Gold.	22 bags of $ 5000 each		$ 110,000.—
"	1 "	4000	4,000.—
"	1 "	2500	2,500.—
"	Old U.S. & foreign,		29.86
"	in box,		4,597.50
			121,127.36
Silver.	3 bags of $ 1000,		3,000.—
	1 "	560	560.
	1 " dimes, 178		178
	50 five-franc pieces,		46.78
	Foreign Coins,		162.57
	in box,		145.38
			4,092.67
Treasury notes.			8,000.—
Total $			133,220.03

Assistant Treasury

June 30, 186[illegible]

Gold: in $5000 bags [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] II

[illegible] I

Gold [illegible] [illegible]

$ 4,000
2500

$8000 [illegible]

Gold $116,500 + $29.66 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] $[illegible]

Silver II [illegible]
$ [illegible]

[illegible] $560
[illegible] 176 — 152.97 [illegible]

Silver $ 8708

26.71 [illegible]
+ 156.
6.81 [illegible]

Silver in [illegible] $ 196.
8.25
6.05
[illegible] 5.05

Count of Moneys in U.S. Mint.
June 30, 1848.

Bullion Fund.
(Silver.)

Dollars.	22 bags of $1000,		$ 22,000.—
	1 " 233,		233.—
Halves.	51 " of $1000,		51,000.—
	Counted,		50.50
Quarters.	18 bags of $1000,		18,000.—
	1 bag of $830, $10.75 counted,		840.75
Dimes.	1 " 500 & 5.30 "		505.30
Half-dimes	1 " 500		500.—
	2 " 200		400.—
	3 " 100		300.—
	2 " 50		100.—
	2 " 1000 (Should be first)		2,000.—
	Counted,		35.05
Cents,			.93
			95,965.53

Gold.

Eagles.	5 bags of $5000,	25,000.—
	1 " of $4450 & Count of 400,	4,860.—
Halves.	9 " " 5000,	45,000.—
	1 " of $4220; 1 of $2220; 2=2300;	8,740.—
Quarters	1 of $5000, & count of $20	5,020.—
	Total gold	$ 88,620.—
	Total silver	95,965.53
	Grand total	184,585.53

Ordinary Account.

Gold.	Halves,	$ 455.—
	Quarters	147.50
Silver,		127.20
Copper,		.11
		$ 729.81

Coinage Fund.

Silver.	Dollars,	500.—
Gold.	Eagles,	680.—
	Halves,	405.—
	Quarters,	100.—
		$ 1,685

Coinage Coins & Charges

Cents & Charge in Office,		$ 225.42
Half cents	"	34.24
Cents in Vault, 27 kegs,		2,700.—
Half cents	" 5 "	410.
		3,369.66

Boston June 23. 1848

R. M. Pattison Esq
Treasr U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We send to your address
a Box of Silver bullion which Gilbert have coined
into dimes and half dimes and returned to us.
The weights according to the Invoice received
by us is 160 marks 7 ozs 17 dwts.

We are

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

D. & J. Nickerson

Mint U.S.
June 15, 1848.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of yesterday, I send inclosed the letters of recommendation from Mr. Spangler and Mr. Wm. R. Lehman Jr., both of which were addressed to Col. Snowden. No letter from Col. Snowden can be found, and his name is not on the list which was left of those who sent their testimonials on the occasion.

I am, dear Sir, with sincere regards,
Your very faithfully,
R. M. P.

Mr. Calhoun, M. Boring

Phila^{da} June 14th 1848

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Dr Sir

On receiving my letters of recommendations from your sons sometime ago. I observed them missing. Mr Hannegans - Lehmans - and Col Benton - I have defered from day to day in sending for them. Lately while in conversation with Mr Hannegan in Wash City he desired to know if I had withdrawn them and particularly begg^{ed} of me to do so immediately on my return home.

You will oblige me Sir by returning those letters (if convenient) by the servant boy. hoping you are well

I am Sir

Yours Truly

Cachoun M. Deringer

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, June 10, 1848.

Sir,

I have to apologize for delaying, ~~so long~~, an answer to your letter of the 8th ult.

Your device is very ingenious, and if carried into effect, would certainly increase the difficulty of one of the means of counterfeiting coins.

We find it objectionable however, on the following grounds. First that the proposed central impressions could not be made, as you suppose by any modification of the punch which ~~strikes~~ cuts out the planchet. This is not resisted below, and a central punch would therefore cup down the whole planchet, and make but a slight impression, and of no certain and uniform depth. If the punch act near the edge of the planchet, the difficulty would be diminished, but not entirely removed.

Secondly, the impression made by the die on the edge of the sunk surface, not being opposed by a collar as is the edge of the coin, would spread the edge out irregularly and roughly.

Thirdly, it is objected that the depression which will be made in the coin will become a receptacle for dirt, and thus affect both the appearance and the weight.

RMP

Henry M Paine
Master Mech.

Baltimore June 6th 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq:

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your valued favor of 1st ult: was duly received, and according to your request we would now communicate the result of the invoice of Haitian Coin refused in New York, by recommendation of Saml. Knox & Son. Silver. Smiths here - we had it first into the hands of Platt & Brother Chard, who offered for it 21% clear of charge to us before refining - but discovering that this was not enough Chard they knew it would yield, and being

& at

at all events, desirous to test what the
Coin would produce by this process, and
directed our friends to have it refined by
Platt & Brō and the Silver sent to the
Mint for re-coinage..

The invoice called for Drs $5.379.25
you remitted us in Specie .. $1198.08
and afterwards (besides Transfortation fee:)
we had to pay Platt & Brō .. $60.-,
as well
we have therefore ~~better~~ have accepted their
first offer of 21%.-

We are, Sir, with much respect
your mo: obt: servts;
F. W. Brunsdons

To Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint of the United States.

Sir,

I take the liberty to lay before you the following representation, and respectfully ask of you to support the claim which is made thereupon.

In the month of January last, being in command of the brig William J. Watson, trading between Philadelphia and the West Indies, I arrived at the island of St. Thomas. I there found that Randal Hutchinson, late a Clerk in the Mint of the United States, who had embezzled the money of the United States and fled from justice, had taken refuge in that island. I therefore felt it to be my duty to capture and bring them home; but for want of treaty-arrangements between Denmark (to which country that island belongs) and the United States, there was no way of effecting my object by legal process; and therefor I was obliged to resort to threats and persuasions, which had the effect to induce him to surrender himself into my charge, and go on board of my vessel. Besides this, I recovered the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars in gold coins, which he had deposited in the Bank of St. Thomas. From that time until my arrival at the

port of Philadelphia, said Hutchinson was
in my custody. Expecting that my vessel
would be boarded by the officers of the
town with a legal warrant, which of course
I had not, I anchored in the stream; but
my expectations being disappointed, I came
ashore with Hutchinson, it being then late
at night, and directly went to give inform-
ation to the Officers of the municipal authorities, by whom he was
arrested at his house a few hours after.
The forgoing facts, as you are aware, have
already more largely appeared in the tes-
timony before the District Court where said
Hutchinson was convicted. As he was
thereby by my agency and personal efforts,
and with a great deal of care and trouble,
apprehended and brought to justice, I
respectfully claim the reward which was
offered by the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully Yours

Wm Peyton

Phila: June 6th 1848

Newyork 1st June 1848

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

We have sent you to day by Livingston express, two Barrels & a Box containing in Gold Dollars $19500. For which please give them on delivery a receipt in our name.

To morrow or next day we shall beg you know how we wish this Dollars to be coined.

We are, Sir
Your very respectfully
Buckenrath & Vandamm

<u>Duplicate</u> New York 1st June 18[illegible]

Orig. p. Mail

To the Director of the
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

We have sent you to day by Livingston's Express, late Harnden & Co., a Box containing in Gold Bullion $1450 for which please give them on delivery a receipt in our name.

To morrow or next day we shall let you know how we wish this Bullion to be coined.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours very respectfully
Berckemrath & Vandamme

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia July 11, 1848

Sir,

I send enclosed a Statement of the U. S. Bullion account at the Mint, up to the present day; and it will shew that we are not yet prepared to honor a draft from the Department payable in gold.

The Treasury has now, in gold coins, only $3,860, and there is due to the Assistant Treasury $48,000, and to depositors $19,556.92. The deliveries of gold from the Mint, this week, will not exceed $50,000.

I send this Statement in performance of a promise made to you in my letter of the 7th.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant
R M Patterson
Director

Hon. W. Clinton Young, Esq
Atty Gen. of Penn.

1848 July 7	To the credit of the U. S. Bullion Account	$244,115.30
" 11	" Profit & Loss for sundry deductions	626.93
		$244,742.23
	Due to the Ass^t. Treas^r. U. S. at Philad^a on Treas^y. Draft N°. 9930, in his favor for $148,872.75	48,000.
		$196,742.23

July 11 Bullion & Coins on hand:—

In the hands of the Treasurer

	Gold	Silver
Bullion	$11,233.67	$7,446.68
Coins	3,860.	51,753.59
Coins reserved for Assaying	955	10.15
	$16,048.67	$59,210.42
In the hands of the Melter & Refiner and the Chief Coiner	114,275.09	75,403.06
	$130,323.76	$134,613.48
Due to Depositors	19,556.92	638.09
Total amount of Gold	110,766.84	
" " Silver	133,975.39	
	$244,742.23	
Less am^t. due the Ass. Treas^y. U. S. at Philad^a as above	48,000.	$196,742.23

Phila July 11 /68.

Dear Sir,

I have written to Mr. Young, by the mail which bears this letter, and I have shown him that we cannot, this week, honor a draft from the Department, for gold. I have promised to make known to him, from time to time, the condition of the bullion fund, and thus to inform him when he may draw on us, and for how much. The time cannot be long, nor the amount great.

R. M. P.

S. M. McKean, Esq.

Annapolis. July 8.

Dear Doct.

I am much obliged by the pamphlet which you have sent me & which arrived the day after your kind note. If you have a second copy to spare will you let me have one addressed Millersville, Ann Arundel Cy. Md, my next Post Office.

Yours truly

A. D. Bache

Doct. R. M. Patterson

Director US Mint

Philadelphia

Mint 108.

July 7, 1865.

Sir,

In the letter which I sent yesterday, in answer to the inquiry made by you whether you could let you have $100,000 in gold, for the activity in the town I promised to send to-day a statement of the present condition of the United States Bullion fund in the Mint. I accordingly now present, in the subjoined statement, the information required.

You will see that the U.S. Bullion fund is reduced, after deducting your last draft upon it, to $196,758.60 which there is in gold the value of $86,870.63. Of this gold there is, in coins in the Treasury vault, but $41482.80 while $20,812.40 is due to depositors.

The Chief Coiner has somethig less than $2000 in gold coins in his vault, and he thinks it will be rolled tomorrow, and will be in coins on Wednesday next; but will yield only about $20,000.

From the note of the Melter & Refiner, which is subjoined, and to which I ask your attention, it appears that he has now in his hands about 4000 oz. of gold, of which the greater part will require at least four working days to prepare it for issue, and about as long afterwards for the operations of the Coiner.

It is evident, therefore, that we cannot buy for a draft upon us for gold for at least a week, and then only for a moderate amount. I will take care to inform you both of the time and amount, when they shall be ascertained.

Of the Silver Coins in the Treasurer's vault,
there are $22,105 in dollars, $ 22,615 in Leg-dollars, and
the remainder ($ 31,960.) in ~~small coins~~ quarters, dimes,
and half-dimes.

R. M. T.

Ex

Mr Clintock Young Esq.

Mint & Assay Office

July 7, 1845

My dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry I have the honor to state, that there is at this time, in my hands, about 4000 oz. troy of gold, of which 1500 only is in condition for melting into ingots of standard gold. The remainder 2500 oz. requires refining which will occupy four working days, at least to prepare it for ingots. And allowing three days for the operations of the Coiner, it can be delivered to the Treasurer in a week.

At the present time as is always the case when work is slack and the bullion received in small parcels, by far the larger part of the gold requires refining by the acid process, and cannot, therefore, be returned in coin to the Treasurer in less time on an average than a week or more

(signed) Robt M. Patterson

Dr R M Patterson

Southern Magnetic Telegraph.

The following communication was received at this office, at o'clock, minutes, M.
Dated, Washington July 6th 1848.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of Mint

Please inform by
mail if can have
100.000. dollars (one hund-
red thousand) in gold
and how soon

M C. Young.

16/48.

Mint U.S.
Phil. July 6 / 48.

Sir,

Your note by the telegraph was not received by me until after the officers of the Mint, and I did therefore not feel at liberty to give a statement of the condition of the Treasurer's vault. I have however seen that there was this morning but little more than four thousand dollars in gold, & in the bullion fund, and that there was not enough to pay the sums due to depositors. We would therefore be out of funds now to have a draft upon us. I will inform you to-morrow of the exact amount in our hands, and of the amount to be expected from the Chief Cashier, and at what time.

Respy

D. Maury

To /
Mr. C. Young Esq
Act. Sec. of Treas

Treasury Department
July 6. 1815.

Sir

A Message was sent by Telegraph this morning requesting you to state whether you could spare $1011.0101 in Gold from the Mint and how soon.

In the event of the Message not having reached you I wish you to let me know by return of Mail.

I am very Resp[t]

A. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint Phila[a]

Boston July 1st 1868

To/
The director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I send you by Saunders's express two boxes marked J.H.P. containing 5 bars of Silver viz.

#1	- 1 Bar wt	125.1.4	by	11.19	
2	- 1 "	"	52.4.1	"	11.21
3	- 1 "	"	175.5.2	"	11.18
4	- 1 "	"	76.8.5		
			430.0.3		
Off for	by	7.5.5	Mx.	422.2.6	
1 Bar wt		158.5.6	by	11.19½	
Off for	by	2.3.7	Mx.	156.1.7.	12m

I request you to receive the same

for carriage & send to me or to Thomas
H. Perkins Esq. (on whose account the bullion
is sent) a certificate in the usual form, with
information when the Coin can be had.

I am, Sir,
Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Th.s G. Cary

Treasury Department
July 30. 1818.

Sir

Be pleased to inform the Depart: ment whether the Mint is in a condition yet to meet a draft for $100.000 in Gold — & if not for what amount a draft may be drawn.

I am very Resp[y]

T. Wm Patterson
Director of the Mint

Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department
July 18. 1848.

Sir

The Treasurer has been, this day, requested to issue a transfer draft on the Assistant Treasurer at N. York in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia for $50.000 - to be placed to the credit of the Treasurer on bullion account. The amount to be transferred as heretofore for the purpose of being coined — it being payable in foreign Gold Coins.

I am very Resp.
W. M. Meredith
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. W. W. Pattison
Philad.

Washington 15th July 1848

My dear Sir

About the moment of my receiving your letter yesterday, the project of a Mint in N.Y. was overthrown by a pretty decided vote. The majority was Seven against the engrossment of the Bill. In the House a Bill has been reported from the Committee of Ways & Means by Mr Nicol of N.Y. I expressed some surprise to Mr Pollock who thought that the Committee had not pledged themselves to the Measure - but I regret the encouragement was given to this extent. Should it be brought up, I trust it will be overloaded by a Charleston amendment as it was in the Senate and thus destroyed

Yours very truly

J R Ingersoll

Dr R.M. Patterson.

Mint U.S. July 13/64

Sir,

I send inclosed a memorandum of the proceeds of the deposite of silver bars announced in your letter of the 6th inst. The Mint receipt was given in the name of Mr. N. G. Howard, agent of Saunder's express line, and, on its presentation, the amount due will be paid.

R. Mint

Thos. J. Cary, Esq.
Boston.

United States Mint,
Philad.a July 20th 1848

Gentlemen,

I have received the 27 Kegs
Copper planchets, for Schn. Hermes, as per
your receipted invoice of 12th ~~inst.~~ inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servts
(Signed) John Ross Snowden
Dirr.

To Messrs Crocker Brn & Co
Taunton Mass.

Mint of the United States. 3
Philadelphia, July 21, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, asking me "whether the Mint was in a condition yet to meet a draft for $100,000 in gold, and if not for what amount a draft may be drawn."

On the receipt of ~~the~~ this letter, ~~they stood~~ [the bullion account], ~~as reported to me, stood as follows~~ there stood, to the credit of the United States Bullion account $196,977.23 23

This sum was composed as follows:

In gold bullion	$44,210.71
" gold coins	29,292.50
	73,503.21
Due to depositors	9,164.59
	64,338.62
Silver bullion & coins	132,638.61
	$196,977.23

You will see, from this statement, that there was but $29,292.50 in gold coins in the ~~hands~~ vault of the Treasury, or [illegible] [insertion: exclusively of the $9,000 due to depositors] of the Chief Coiner then was; [were] the last delivery was $50,000, of which $46,000 was paid over for a balance due to the Assistant Treasury.

~~Since the above statement was made, we have received $30,000 from the New York Assistant Treasury.~~

~~in foreign gold coin~~

The amount uncoined, in the progress through the Mint operations, was $66,210.71, a 23/6 ounces. This is, by no means, a large quantity to have in the state.

Since the above statement was made, we have received $50,000, in foreign gold coins, from the Assistant Treasurer at New York, in payment of a draft from the Department in our favor. This gold, with the clippings and deposits on hand will be converted into eagles this day, and we may be able to meet a draft of $50,000 on Wednesday next.

As it may be important to you that you be furnished with American gold coins at an earlier day, or to a greater amount, I take the liberty of stating that there is, at this time, in the general fund of the Assistant Treasury here, in such coins, about $167,000.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

1848
July 21 To the credit of U. S. Bullion a/c $246,97

Our hand— Gold Bullion $94,210.71
Gold Coins 29,292.50
123,503.21
Due Depositors 9,164.59
$114,338.62
Silver Bullion & Coin 132,6[illegible]861 $246,9

July 7

1940

June 30 To the credit of the U.S. Bullion Account —— $344,988.05

July 5 Less amount paid this day on Warrant Draft No. 9,930 dated 28 ult., in favor of the Asst. Treas. U.S., Phil. $143,872.75 } 100,872.75

$244,115.30

July 7 To the credit of Prof. & Loss sundry deductions from dep's. 620.30

$244,735.60

July 7. Bullion & Coins on hand this day

Held In the hands of the Treas?

Bullion $8,087.58

Coins 4,442.50

Coins received for assaying 955.00 $13,485.08

In the hands of the C. Coin } 93,197.97
& Melter & Refiner

$106,683.05

Due to Depositors —— 20,812.40

$85,870.65

Also. In the hands of the Treas?

Bullion $7,441.

Coins 76,747.69

Coins received for assaying 10.15

$84,198.84

In the hands of the C.C. & M. & R. 75,403.05

$159,601.89

Due to Depositors 736.94 $155,864.95 $244,735.60

To the credit of the U.S. Bullion account as above $244,735.60

Due to Asst. Treas. U.S. at Phil. on account of Warrant #9930 dated 28 ult. 48,000.00 $196,735.60

D. Napier & Son.
Engineers.
Vine Street, York Road, Lambeth.
London July 26. 1848

Dear Sir

We have your Favour
of Yesterday —
Referring to the Foreign
Weighing Machines now in use
at the Bank of England We
have no Machines ready Made
for Sale — We only make to
Order — and it would require
two Months notice before One
could be delivered — the Price
is (£200) Two Hundred Pounds
Net Cash — On their place on the

Order being given about the
Manner of delivery in London
An Order for two or three Machines
would not occupy much more
time — We know not any description
of the Machine which would be
often in explaining its properties
& shake hands as Gardner
seen them at work that that
will be sufficient to secure
us the Order —
Looking to hear further from
You We are Dear Sir Yours very truly
D Napier & Son
Robert Nelson Esq

Mint, U. S. July 29, 1848.

To
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington

Sir - The payment of the monthly wages of the workmen of the Mint will fall due on Monday next and the delay to which they will be necessarily subjected will be of serious inconvenience to many of them. I have therefore most respectfully to ask that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for $2000 to pay the wages of workmen out of the appropriation to the Mint for the fiscal year 1848-1849 as soon as this appropriation shall be made.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson
Director

New York 12th Augt 1848

R. M. Patterson, Esqr
Director U.S. Mint
Philad.

Sir,

By Livingston Wells Express I send you a package to your address, marked T.P. AA No 11. said to contain 38½ g. of Gold Dust of superior quality— I will thank you to have coined & returns the proceeds by them who are authorize to receive it on my account.—

I beg of you also to hand them the certificate of weight & value in my own name

I remain

Sir,

Yours Respectfully

A. Franquineau

Commonwealth

vs.

Ronald Mitchelson

Gentlemen,

A return in this case has been made to me by Alderman Mitchell and I shall be very glad to confer with you on the subject, on or after Monday next:

Very Truly
Yr.
William B. Reed
Atty. Gen.

Harrisburg
Aug. 19. 1848.

R. M. Patterson Esq. Philada.
J. R. Snowden Esq. Philada.

Gentlemen

New York Aug. 14, 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dr. Sir

By Adams & Co's

Express I send you a small package gold dust, containing Thirty Six & 1/2 Castellanos and Valued at One Hundred & nine 50/100 Dollars, and which you will please have Coined, and remit me the Proceeds, together with the usual certificate, by the above named Express, who are duly authorized to receive the same.

Respectfully

A. Hamabergh.

Mark. A. H.

New York Augst 15.th 1848

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U. S Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We send yn herewith a Sealed Bag addressed to yor by Livingston & Co.s Express containging Two Packages Silver & one Gold dust and Marked as follows Viz.

F One Lot old Silver in bag - to be assayed seperate
" One package pure Silver - to be assayed seperate
" One package Gold dust - to be assayed —

We will thank You to recpt to Messrs Livingston & Co.s Expess and return proceeds by them with Certificate of Weight & Value in our name as soon as it can be converted into Coin. &

We beg to remain Sir
Very respectfully
Yors Obligd Servts & Sons
Everett & Brown

New York, August, 24th. 1848.

Dear Sir,

I have recently returned from London, where I have been residing for more than a year.

A Commission is now sitting, with a view to the reorganization of the British Mint. The Officers manifested some interest in the organization of the American Mint. Could you favour me with a Copy of the Laws in relation to that subject?

Having received from the Officers the usual privilege of visiting the Mint at pleasure, & having availed myself to some extent, I desire to return by sending them a Copy.

The Moneyers & the Melter & Refiner are paid by a Percentage on the work executed. Mr. Maskell, the Melter & Refiner, informed me, that, when the light Sovereigns were called in, his Percentage upon remelting them alone, amounted in one year, to Four thousand Pounds Sterling

RG104 E-1 Box 27

I see neither nice, an incident occurred which may not be without interest to you.

The Bank of England purchased a Bar of Gold, and sent it to the Mint, to be Assayed.

It was subsequently sold by the Bank to a Stockbroker, who accidentally discovered it to contain Osmic Iridium.

He returned it to the Bank & the latter called upon the Mint to pay the Assayer.

Assay Gold is frequently of this character. You are aware that an ordinary Assay will not indicate the value.

The specific gravity being not very different from that of Gold, & of inferior value, I should not be surprised to hear that frauds had been perpetrated.

Particles of Iridium may frequently be discovered in Sovereigns.

Refining Gold by the Sulphuric Acid process cost but one penny & a half p oz.

I have a supply of Crucibles, with Covers Black Lead Pots with Covers, procured from the Manufacturers, who supply the Mint & the great Refineries of London with which I shall be happy to supply you, but I must advance on the Cost.

Mr. Johnson considers the Crucible to be the best yet made, as it will bear any sudden change of temperature no matter how great, without cracking.

Parting Jars are now made of Porcelain, which may be heated to redness, & for many purposes, are superseding Platina.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your very Obed. Svt.
Jno. H. Furness.

R. M. Patterson, M.D.
Director of the Mint.

Alta Vista, near Warren, Albemarle County, Va.,
Aug: 25. 1848.

Dear Sir:

I shall be much obliged by your informing me the value of gold bullion at the mint: also gold dust.

I am with much regard your
Friend & Servt
Richd Pollard

To,
Doctor Patterson
Superintendent of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Virginia gold dust after melting, is generally worth about 95 cts. per dwt; the value before melting (say in the state of amalgam or dust) is of course variable, but a deduction of 5 per cent. from the above rate would afford a good approximation.—

Bank of Cape Fear
Raleigh N. Co
Aug 29th 1848

Dear R. M. Patterson
Director U. S. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir

I send by my friend Mr Heartt a Ck on N. Y. for $360— for which I desire small change, quarters, Dimes & half Os. say $225 in quarters
" 75 " 1/2 Dimes
" 60 " Dimes, or whatever bal may be left after paying your charge, if the Ck is not the funds for which you give change, Mr Heartt will convert them into coin to suit; I will take it as a kindness to get the above sent, and will be

Very Respectfully
Yours
W. Atkins
Cash

My dear doctor,

I have received your note inviting me to act as arbiter between the claimants of the reward for the arrest of Mr. Hutchinson. I accept the office, not a very thankful one as I apprehend, but one in which perhaps I can act more easily than others might; and if the parties desire to bring evidence or to make representations before me, I will assign an early day for a hearing. I can make myself free on friday at one o'clock or tuesday at ten.

Quickly
Yours
L. C. Clarke

Dr. Patterson. 30 Sep. 1848.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Aug. 30, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an agreement signed by Capt. John Eckfeldt on the one part, and Messrs Wm. H. Miller, Thos O'Neil and Saml. H. Gilbert on the other part, claimants respectively for the award of $500 offered by the Treasury Department through me, for the apprehension of Mr. Randal Hutchinson. In this paper the parties submit their claims to you, "to award the same or any portions of the same to and among the respective claimants."

I am willing by in begging you to accept this reference, and I will act upon your decision, subject however to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully &
truly yours.
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To
Hon. John K. Kane.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26. Sept 1849.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Drafts payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the drafts to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq.
Asst Treasurer Phila

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury Draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of President and Cashier of a bank.

Asst. Tr. Office N. Y. Sept. 26th 46

Wm. E. Dubois Esq.
acting Tr. of the Mint

Sir

I have just paid
J. K. Simpson agent of Athens 46.
agreable to your order $130.000
the amount of transfer draft No.
732 drawn in favor of the Treasurer
of the Mint. The agent leaves with
the money this afternoon

Yours &c &c
Wm Bouck
Asst. Tr.

U.S. Mint Phila. Dept 25, 1848

To – Solomon Sibert
Woodstock, Va.

Sir. – Your letter of the 12th inst. with the two specimens of ore came duly to hand and the specimens have both been assayed. That marked B did not show a trace of gold or silver, but that marked A showed traces of each. If you can find a piece to send of about 100 grains we will make another assay and report the results to you as those submitted were much too small.

Very Faithfully
R M Patterson
Director

Specimen Marked A Weight 2 grains

Contains 1/2 per ct of Silver & a trace of Gold

Specimen Marked B Not a trace

100

Lewis Silbert, Esq.

Treasury Department
September 23rd 1848

Sir

Accompanying this communication you will receive a number of very handsomely executed medals, presented by Mr Alexander Vattemare to the Treasury Department for the United States Mint. They are fine specimens of the perfection to which that art has attained in France -

As a mark of the estimation which the Department places upon this handsome donation and to aid in carrying out the system of National Exchanges of which Mr Vattemare is the distinguished originator, you are hereby authorized to place at his disposal copies of all of the coins of the United States and whatever medals you may have in your power to furnish.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
M. L. Young
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

R M Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Niagara Falls. Sept 21. 1845

My dear Friend,

We reached this interesting place yesterday morning, our last stage so far, via N. York, Albany, &c has been indeed a delightful one. We stopt at each city that afforded objects for sight seeing - among other points the Genesee Falls, Auburn Prison, Mount Hope Cemetery, the Capitol at Albany &c &c. At Rochester we embarked on board the Lady of the Lake, and transited Lake Ontario about 100 miles to Queenston - passed thence over Canada here by R. Road. We spent yesterday in seeing the falls on the American side. & among other matters paid a visit over the Suspension bridge. To day at 11. o'clock, we embark on the Maid of the Mist & will hope near the falls, quite under the Centre falls. It is perfectly safe I saw the people yesterday make the excursion, we will hope to the Canada side in the afternoon & also tomorrow. I expect to reach Erie on Saturday night. I hope you are getting along well and that my absence will occasion but little inconvenience to the business affairs of the Establishment. Mrs S. and myself are in the enjoyment of perfect health & the finest spirits - for myself I never enjoyed better health in my life. Present me kindly to Mr. Peale, Mr. Parry, & my other kind friends. I will be happy to hear

your gun at Erie

Very truly

your friend,

Jos. R. Chandler

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director U.S. Mint.

Sept. 20, 1848.

Wm. Rice (Election Post Office) called this day.

Has command of a large quantity of Lehigh Buck Mountain Coal. Offers to supply the Mint at $4.25 per ton.

Told that we can now supply B; but that, at a future occasion, we would give his coal a trial.

Washington Sept 20th 1848

Sir

I have perused your letter of the 11th Inst also the Manual of Coins and Bullion, for which accept my thanks.

I am now perusing my instructions from the Department and if nothing transpires to prevent think of leaving for the South on the 25th I may however be detained a few days longer on account of the absence of Mr Buchanan should I not receive Dr Patterson's report he can send it to me through the department of State, or otherwise,

I will return it as a favor if you will inform me the standard of the Gold from the New discovery in California at as early a day as possible in the same manner as above, & what the loss by melting is and all information that may be of use to me, purchasing it. I am a pretty good judge of it but should like to have particulars

If the Gold region in California should prove to pick as is represented I presume we will have a Mint there ere long

I am Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
John Snowden

Col W. L. Du Bois
Asst Assayer
U S Mint
Phila

There are two new Mints established in Mexico not down in your Manual One at Guadalupe y Calvo and the other in Culiacan, State of Sinaloa, I believe you have received no Coins from the latter as yet having commenced since the war broke out.

Baltimore, Sept. 16. 1844

Mint of the United States

Philada.

Gentlemen,

We Adams & Co have handed in your receipt, N°. 531, for 110.13/100 ounces Gold Bullion dated 8 inst. - We would be much obliged by your sending us the assay of the same, and will ans.r to be drawn for as early as convenient to enable us to settle with the party interested.

We are, with Respect

Yours. obt. Sts.

Brickhead & Prince

U S Mint Chile
To Sept 15 1848
Richard Pollard
Nassau Va.

Your letter of the 6th was not received by me until this morning, & note you will visit the Mint after your return from Chile and that you brought platinum and gold dust with you, and I suppose your other reference are in connection with your present residence.

My answer to your now must necessarily be very unsatisfactory as I have to state that gold bullion and gold dust from the Pacific ports of South America varies in fineness from 780 to 920, or from 16 to 19 an ounce.

Very respectfully
R M Patterson
Director

pr Express

New York Sept 14/48

Superintendant of the
U S Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

I send you by
Wells & Co Express 409 + 18 oz Gold in Barz and
Dust which please turn into Coin and
return by same messenger to Your obt servt

J. W. Whitlock
J Hiram Read
84 Front St

Mint of the United States.
September 13th, 1848.

The Treasurer of the Mint, James Ross Snowden, being about to absent himself from the Mint temporarily, for sufficient cause, I do hereby, under the authority given by the 4th section of the Mint Act of January 18, 1837, and with the consent of the said Jas. R. Snowden, appoint William E. DuBois, (the Assistant Assayer,) to act in the place of the Treasurer, during his absence.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

The above temporary appointment is made with my consent.

James Ross Snowden
Treas.

Washington Sept 9th 1848

Sir

I enclose herewith a bill for $ value of the book I requested him with the other day, which I will thank you to send to me, buy G. Hunt Esqre 18th & 19th.

It is highly probable I shall not return to your city before I leave for the Pacific, and you will please communicate to me the instructions you may think proper to make for separating Gold from Silver and Silver from Gold, in order that on my arrival at I may make the same known to parties intended in shipping such Ores.

I think if you were at once to send the expenses at the same rate they charge in Paris, in the course of a very short time after the steamer shall commence running a large proportion of the Bullion heretofore sent to Europe would be for the benefit of Exchange, be lodged with you, till the experiment shall be made it is impossible to foresee the results.

I am very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
John Carroll

To Mr — Patterson
U. S. Mint Phila

P S

I will mention a little anecdote that took place last
year Prof W B Rogers of the University of Virginia
very frequently requested me if I should discover
any Minerals that I was not fully acquainted with
that I should inclose him a specimen and he would
analize them for me with pleasure. In some of
my collections ~~of~~ of Minerals from my neighbourhood
I found a handsome mineral what I supposed to be a
fine Galena or sulphuret of lead containing something
like 60 per ct. lead four or five per cent of Silver
and one or more of Zink. The Prof very promptly
in Eight or ten Days answered my Letter saying
that he had overhauled my specimens and found them
to be sulphuret of iron except one which ~~was~~ Marked
L. & that contained some four per cent of Zink
and if the ore was a plenty it would do to mine
at a profit. From the bit of ore with the Blow pipe
I reduced a large amt of lead not less than sixty per cent
his analyzis astonished me so much that I wrote him
to know how in the World he could find the Z which
was only four or five per cent and overlook some
sixty per cent of lead. Since the date of my Letter
I have not heard from the learned ~~Prof S~~ Perhaps
he became insulted at my rudeness. It was enough
to challenge his repute. I hope you will not at least
refuse to let me hear from you. So the P.S. ends.

L

Van Buren Furnace Sept 12 / 48

R. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir

By I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th Inst Contents duly noted. I hope you will not think me impertinent when you peruse the contents of my Letter. If it is not inconsistent with your feelings I would be pleased if you would have the Mineral Specimens inclosed analized. I inclose two specimens from the Mines one Vein No 1 and the other Mitchell & Bs has just made its appearance in the lower stratum of our excavation I am well convinced that the most skillful Chemist would from the external appearance of these Minerals be at a loss for their Species, the Specimen Marked 1, contains Gold & Silver — and is very limited and 2 Mineralized by Sulphur, the question naturally will arise if it contains Silver & Gold why trouble you for an Analysis, My reason is this that I have very frequently ga Amusement and information in Analyzing Minerals but not having such Chemicals as I can confidently rely upon often to make a calculation & all that I know of Chemistry I have acquired without an instructor. If after this explanation you will be so kind as to have my Minerals Scientifically examined I will take it as a special favor ——— If I was as well acquainted with Chemistry & Mineralogy as I think I am with the Manufacturing of Iron I could confidently confide in My own Analysis Please let us hear from You soon

Yours truly & respectfully

R. M. Patterson Esq

Director

Mint of the United States

Philadelphia

Vincent Pabst

Baltimore Sept 7. 1848.

Mint of the United States
Philada

We enclose receipt of Adams & Co for a small parcel of Gold Dust - directed to you - also original mark W.B. - & sealed with our initials - the Invoice calls for 744 5/8 Castellanos - please send us Certificate for same.

Very resp'y
Birckhead & Pearce

U.S. Mint, Dahlonega
Sept. 7, 1848

To
[redacted]-Sheet
Woodstock Va.

I regret to state that the
Specimens which you sent to the
Mint do not contain either silver
or gold. They are simply iron
pyrites, a combination con-
taining iron and sulphur.
This mineral so from its
appearance frequently mistaken
for gold and specimens
are often received at the
Mint.

R. M. Patterson
Director

Alla Vista, near Warren, Albemarle County, Va.,
Septemb. 8. 1850.

Dear Sir;

I rec'd. on yesterday your favour of 2nd. inst. for which I thank you.

My enquiry had reference to South American gold. In remittances I get from them, Chile, I wished to see if I could not do better in having them remit in gold bullion or gold dust than Copper. I suppose the same value attaches to the S. Am. gold as to Virginia gold? If you recollect, I carried a small parcel of gold dust to the mint at the time I carried there the platina piece, soon after my arrival from Chile.

I am most respectfully
Your friend & Servt.
Rich'd Pollard

To,
R. M. Patterson Esq.

"Gold bullion or gold dust" from the Pacific ports of S. America varies from 780 to 920 thous. fine; or from $16 to $19 per oz. troy.

Statement of Gold sent by Clem R Barksdale Esq. to be coined at U S Mint Viz

marked Wm Eldridge	1 Package	to be coined together	$83\frac{14}{20}$ Oz
" Wm Armistead	1 "	" " "	$24\frac{7}{20}$ "

A. Vaughan Ca

Branch Farmers Bank Danville

Branch Farmers Bank Va
Danville Feb 7th 1848

R M Patterson Esq
Director US Mint Phila
Dear Sir

I send the above packages of gold bullion to be coined & will be obliged to you to send me the usual statement of the value & a Certificate of deposite of the nett amt. I don't care to trouble the bearer ~~with~~ to bring back the coin

Respy
A Vaughan Ca

New York Sept 6th 1848.

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Phila

Dear Sir. We send You herewith a sealed bag addressed to You by Livingston & Co Express containing a package Free Gold, to be delayed and we will thank You to return proceeds by them with certificate of Weight & Value in our name as soon as it can be converted into Coin

We beg to remain Sir.

Very Respectfully
Yours

&c
Everett & Brown

Under the reference made to me by Captain John Eckfeldt, of the one part, and William A. Miller, Thomas O'Neil, and Samuel A. Gilbert, of the other part,

I award

that of the reward of three Hundred Dollars, referred to in the annexed letter of the Director of the Mint, there should be paid to Captain John Eckfeldt two hundred dollars, and to William A. Miller, for himself and Thomas O'Neil and Samuel A. Gilbert, three hundred dollars.

Philadelphia, 16 Oct., 1848.

R. M. Patterson

By
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint U.S.

It is agreed by and between John Corfield claimant on the one part, and William H. Miller, Thomas O'Neil and Samuel Gilbert, joint claimants on the other part, of the reward offered by the Government of the United States of America, through the Director of the Mint, for the apprehension of Randall Huntington - to submit their respective claims to the Honorable John A. Rand, to award the same or any portions of the same to and among the respective claimants

August 29. 1848

John Corfield

William H. Miller

Thos. O'Neil

Samuel Gilbert

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Aug. 30, 1848.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an agreement signed by Capt. John Eckfeldt on the one part, and Messrs Wm. H. Miller, Thos. O'Neil, and Sam'l. H. Gilbert on the other part, claimants respectively for the award of $500 offered by the Treasury Department through me, for the apprehension of Mr. Randal Hutchinson. In this paper the parties submit their claims to you, "to award the same or any portions of the same to and among the respective claimants."

I join willingly in begging you to accept this reference, and I will act upon your decision, subject however to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully & truly,
Yours,
R. M. Patterson
Director

Hon. John K. Kane.

Bedford Commercial Bank.

New Bedford, mo. 184

Treasurer of the U. States,
Esq. Cashier.
Mint Philadelphia Dear Sir.

I have received your Letter of the
with enclosure as stated.
Enclosed I send for bills as stated below.

Very Respectfully,

Cashier.
I send herewith about $400. Silver
to be exchanged for quarters

Very respectfully
Th. B White
Cash

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint Please deliver
to the order of Gregory & Newman the
amount in quarters of the above mentioned
Silver Bedford Com'l. Bank
Per Bedford 9 mo. 29. 1848
Th. B White cash.

Bank of Geneva — Geneva
N. Y. Oct 18. 1845

Jas Rod Snowden Esq r
W. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I send on my dept on New York
to your order for $200 for which please credit
that amount of cents, free of charge for transportation

Yours Respy
W. E Sill Cash r

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 20, 1848.

Sir,

On the sixth of January last, I wrote to the Department, stating that it had been recommended, both by the U.S. District Judge, and the Mayor of the City, that a reward of $500 should be offered for securing the person of Randal Hutchinson, who had absconded from the Mint, with moneys belonging to the United States.

On the 8th of January, the Acting Secretary of the Treasury wrote to me as follows. — "You are hereby authorized to offer a reward of $500, for the apprehension of Randal Hutchinson, as suggested by you."

Mr. Hutchinson was first discovered by Capt. John Pettifield, at St Thomas, and was brought to Philadelphia by Capt. Pettifield, - but not by force.

On his arrival at the city, Mr. Hutchinson went to his home, and Capt. Pettifield reported the fact to the Treasurer of the Mint and myself, late at night.

We immediately took for Judge Stone, and asked
advice in the case. He accordingly issued his
warrant for the apprehension of Mr. Whitehouse, and
placed the hands of Deputy Marshals Wm. H.
Miller, Thos. O'Neill, and Saml. H. Gilbert, and
by them was Whitehouse duly
arrested.

Under this circumstance, the parties presented
the enclosed claims, as granted, which are given in
the enclosed Letter 1 and 2. On the 29th of August,
both parties agreed to submit their respective claims to
the Hon. John K. Kane, to award the same, in any
portion of the same, to and among the respective claim-
ants." (Ltr. 3.)

To this arrangement I gave my assent, (Ltr. 4),
and I permitted to act upon Judge Kane's decision,
"subject, however, to the approval of the Secretary of
the Treasury."

The award of Judge Kane has been presented,
(Ltr. 5,) and he recommends that there "be paid to Capt.
John Edgell $200, and to Wm. H. Miller,
for himself and Thos. O'Neill and Saml. H.
Gilbert, $300."

This award I think to be just and satis-
factory, and I respectfully ask for it your approval
below.

S. Wells
Dr

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Taunton Oct.r 20. 1848.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Dear Sir.

We are in receipt of your favor of the 18th inst. and shall ship tomorrow by the Bremen 350 to 400 kegs Plaster, of which we will give notice in due time —

We are
Very Resp.y
Your Obed.t Servts

OCT 13th 1848

S. Snowden Depy Esq
Treas &c

Dear Sir

Above please find invoice for ten kegs planchets and enclosed the shipping receipt for same.

On the 29th Septemb. we sent you the same number of kegs and are expecting daily to hear from you that they are ready for us.

We think we have succeeded in getting the planchets about as you desire them and trust that you will find this lot once equal to those previously sent.

We remain truly yours

G. [illegible]

United States Mint
Philada October 28 1848

Sir,

I, herewith, forward you the weekly statement ending this day with a cancelled voucher, shewing the state of the Bullion and public moneys deposited in the Mint by the Treasurer of the U States

Very resp[y]
Yours Obt Sert
(Signed) Jas Ross Snowden
Treas.

376.415.30

To
Wm Selden Esq
Treas. of the U.S.
Washington

Mt. of U.S.
Phil. Oct 27/49.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to state, that it will conflict with no rule of the Mint to allow your deposite to remain undrawn for any length of time you may see proper, and no expense will be incurred by letting it remain as you desire.

Very resp'y
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) J. R. S.
Treas

Mr. James Rowan
N.Y.

U.S. Mint Charlotte
Oct 27 1848

To.
F. H. Toms, Esq.
Pres. D. Lee & Co's Bank
Buffalo.

Dear Sir—
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst. in which you ask for $2000 in eagles and half eagles, to be paid for by a draft for that amount. I am sorry to say that we cannot furnish the coins for an ordinary draft because unless it may be paid in silver it would not be in silver that we coin. We must therefore require either silver bullion or foreign coins. If you have not funds to deposit with us you can no doubt obtain them by applying to bullion brokers either here or at Newyork. Very respectfully

R. M. Patterson
Director

[illegible] 1848

[illegible] $2000 [illegible]

[illegible]

F. H. Toms, Esq

Prest. O' Lee Co's Bank

Buffalo

Mint U.S. Phila Nov. 8, 1848

J. R. Parrott, Esq

Dear Sir,

The Director of the Mint being absent at this moment, and understanding that a mail for Europe is to leave on the 10th, I take occasion to say, in an informal way, that we are diligently engaged in digesting and arranging the preliminaries for the new process of parting the precious metals, with every expectation of commencing at an early day. Whenever that date can be fixed you will be informed of it by the Director. I will also add that we have decided to put the expense at the same rate as charged in Paris. What that rate is we expect to learn from Paris in a few weeks

Yrs

Wm E. DuBois
Asst Assayer

My dear Doctor, Paris 16th November 1845

The Steamer in a long passage brought me yesterday
your Letter of 23 October with the 2nd Exchange on London,
for £100.-.-. the first having reached me a fortnight since,
for which I have taken the money, as the Frenchmen phrase it
on the morning of its arrival at a trifling Premium —
Now when you want any information, et cetera, &c.,
pray make no rodomontade about trouble. I suppose you
remember my last Epistle, during the administration of
that sage Resident Van B— Truth is, I was woefully out of tune
with him, from the Condition to which he had "reduced
Our Country," as the Americans abroad phrase it, though I
had no sad feeling towards anyone of his successors, and even
his Excellency's. Now Command me, (honor man though one
would have it) sans Ceremonie, I am at your service don't
mind it — This Preamble introduces the business portion of
Your Epistle. Immediately on its arrival, forthwith I hied
me to the "Hotel des Monnaies," for information, about which
I know about as much as you, of Theology — or of the Ology
which I presume is swallowed up in money making — ology —
you may perchance recollect that I sent to Bloom when in
the Mint as your Predecessor, a Brochure published by Mr. de May
who was "Chef de Raffinage" at the time, on the subject of the
separation of small particles of Gold, from Masses of Silver —
I presume you have it at the Mint — Well, he is disposed of,
having long since been call'd from the Treasures of Earth, to
those "that perish not in the using," but his Successor now
in office, is Mr. Pelouse to whom I addressed my demand, —
Request the Letter — and that you may perceive whether —
or not, my translation embodies Your Views, I give to you —

Edificateur[?] Renseignant "Voulez vous les prix pour
separer un Melange d'or, et d'Argent. Il ya quelques
Années, qu'il avait deux prix – premièrement, quand
le Melange contenait un dixième en or, de son
poids, le Prix était de 6 fr, 12 Centimes par Kilogr de tout
son poids. 2ème Quand l'or était moins qu'un
dixième partie, le Prix était 3 fr. 5 Centimes par Kilog.
Je ne sais pas aussi, si les prix ont varié dans une
longue bande des années, ou si il était uniforme." Now
it happens, malheureusement as to the transmission of
the information "as early as possible," as you desired it, that
the day of the arrival of your Letter, there was at the Mint
a "Concours" of Artists – pour ainsi dire, a reunion of
the Candidates for Pelf and Immortality to learn the
decision of a Commission of Savans on the Art, as to the
pretensions of the different Engravers (whose name is Legion,
for they are many), who had furnished the Dies for the new
Coinage of the Republic – History, sacred and profane, [illegible]
had been rummaged for subjects to perpetuate this Nine
days Wonder – The Lore of Antiquity, ancient and modern,
had opened the sluices of hidden treasures, as the Capriced
of exuberant Fancy, had called them up – Eagles and
Minervas with her Emblems of Wisdom, Gorgons with their
Elfin Locks and whole Nests of unfledged Phoenix etc.
fanning the Embers of expiring Monarchy, and calling
into Life the "Heaven born Republic," that appears to be
be destined ere long to be History – you may imagine in
these Circumstances, my hope was slender, that I should get
much Information on the subject of my Visit – the officers of
the Mint, like the Grave Digger in Hamlet, up to the Eyes in
Business – yet to give the Devil his due (not meaning the Frenchmen)

my approach was met with that grace and urbanity so
peculiarly characteristic, and so directly Antipodean to
the port and carriage of their Neighbours across the channel.
I could not see Mr Pelouze but he refer'd me to his Secretary
from whom I had a Rendezvous for next day, when he then
let me into the secret that a new Work by Mr P. had been gotup
since his accession to Place which contained all the information
You ask, and much more being a Tariff which lets you into
the Mysteries of the Craft – He gave me a Copy of the Work, on
which I diffidently let him understand, I should like to
have another [illegible] copy which he gave me, which I propose
to retain in case the first sent shall miscarry – a probable
contingency perhaps – possible – certainly – I have but just
dispatched Giuseppe to the Post with the following Budget,
You – Bulletins (one containing the Constitution) having sent
You the Evenement last Steamer – via Ang[leterre] [illegible] – I have sent
You via Havre – 1 Abeille Medicale – and the Strictures
of my Lord Brougham on the Revolution of February just
I believe publish'd in the "London and Paris Observer" making
some stir among the Quidnuncs here – then the Brochure on
the Suffrage above alluded to (also via Havre) which
may reach you about middle of December. I am sorry that
I could not send the last via Liverpool, but here's the upshot
They will not take a pamphlet or Brochure at the Bureau
des Postes here to go to England, as that Country will not
allow it – nor yet even such to pass in transitu through
their Post offices, even though destined for a foreign
Country – so there's no help for it – Let me hear if it reaches you –
Kind Love to all from [illegible] here my dear [illegible] —

PAR VOIE D'ANGLETERRE
STEAMER "LIVERPOOL"

Daß die vorstehende Namens-Unterschrift und das Siegel des Herrn Münzmeisters Breithaupt mir als solche bekannt sind, bescheinige ich nach Verlangen.

Marburg den 5t. Septbr. 1845.

Dr. Chr. Ludw. Gerling
Professor der Mathematik, Physik und Astronomie

(L.S.)

Die wörtliche Uebereinstimmung dieser Abschriften von 5 Zeugnissen mit den Urschriften wird gerichtlich bezeugt, und bemerkt, daß die unter jedem derselben befindlichen Buchstaben (L.S.) die beigedruckten Siegel bedeuten und namentlich die bei der Beglaubigung des Dr. Gerling, welcher Professor der Mathematik und Physik an der hiesigen Universität ist und dem mathematischen und physikalischen Institute derselben vorsteht, befindlichen das Siegel des genannten Instituts bedeuten. Marburg 2ten December 1848.

Kurfürstliches Landgericht das.

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(Abschrift No. I.)

Julius Roemheld, aus Dautphe beschäftigt sich seit 4 Jahren in der Verfertigung mathematischer und physikalischer Instrumente. Er zeigte hierbei sehr günstige Anlagen, welche auch durch einen großen Fleiß und eine seltene Aufmerksamkeit wesentlich unterstützt wurden. Es ward mir dadurch die Freude, daß er sich zu einem äußerst tüchtigen jungen Mann in diesem Fach heranbildete, dessen Kenntnisse und Fertigkeiten gleich ausgezeichnet sind. Seine Genauigkeit und Zuverlässigkeit bis auf die geringsten Umstände irgend welcher Arbeit sind musterhaft, die Behandlung und feinste Berichtigung aller Instrumente treibt er gründlich.

Sein Benehmen war stets durchaus lobenswerth, und er zeigte neben Geschick ein lebendiges Interesse, auch bei seinen Mitarbeitern den ~~auf~~ Ordnung und Thätigkeit hinzuwirken. So war er durch sein gutes Beispiel, als auch noch durch patronirende Ermunterung ein höchst erfreuliches und schätzenswerthes Vorbild in meiner Werkstätte und dadurch der ausgezeichnetste meiner Schüler.

Dieses Alles und seine [illegible] sichern ihm eine glückliche und achtungswerthe Stellung für die Zukunft, für welche ich hierbei gern die herzlichsten Wünsche

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für ihn auszeichnete.

Cassel den 20ten Juni 1842.

F. W. Breithaupt.

Hofmechanikus und Münzmeister
& Sohn

(L.S.)

Daß die vorstehende Namens Unterschrift und das Siegel des Herrn Münz Meister Breithaupt mir als solche bekannt sind, bescheinige ich auf Verlangen.

Marburg den 2. Septbr. 1843.

Dr. Chr. Ludw. Gerling.
(L.S.) Professor der Mathem. Phys. und Astronomie

(Abschrift Nr. II.)

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Duplicat

Frankfurt a/M. den 24. Dezember 1844.

Auf Ansuchen des Mechanikus Herrn Julius Roemheld aus Darmstadt, Großherzogthum Hessen, bezeuge ich hiermit, daß derselbe seit Monat Januar 1840 bis zum folgenden Jahre 1840 im Monat Februar bei mir gearbeitet, und sich mit dem Bau der Farbemaschine einer neuen Schnellpressmaschine beschäftigte, durch deren Ausführung und mehrfache Verbesserungen meine Erwartung nicht nur erfüllt, sondern dabei auch unstreitbare Beweise seiner mechanischen Kenntnisse an den Tag legte. Während dieser Zeit beschäftigte sich auch Herr Roemheld mit der Erfindung einer Schnelldruckmaschine eigenthümlicher Art, welche ich [illegible] für seine Rechnung benutzt [?], bey mir noch in Bewegung ist, und von Sachverständigen als [illegible] anerkannt gewürdigt werden. Benjamin Krebs

Die Aechtheit vorstehender in meiner Gegenwart vollzogenen Unterschrift des hiesigen Buchdruckers und Schriftgießers unter der Firma „Benjamin Krebs" wird hierdurch auf Verlangen notarialiter beurkundet. Frankfurt a/M. den vier und zwanzigsten Dezember Achtzehnhundert vier und vierzig.

(L.S.)

Dr. Carl Jacob Moritz Schulz
Notar der freyen Stadt
Frankfurt

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(Abschrift No. III)

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Auf Ersuchen des Herrn Julius Roemheld aus Darmstadt bescheinige ich, daß derselbe eine ganz neue Art Luftdrucker Schnellpressen construirt respective erfunden hat, welche in meiner Fabrik ausgeführt und als vollkommen gelungen genannt werden darf. Die Construction derselben beweist wissenschaftliche Bildung des Constructeurs, über welche ich mich persönlich öfter während einer geschäftlichen Beziehung bei genanntem Herrn J. Roemheld zu überzeugen Gelegenheit hatte.

Mainz den 20ten Dezember 1844

Michael Aleiter

Zur Beglaubigung der Unterschrift des Herrn Gemeinderaths Michael Aleiter Maschinenfabrikant dahier, wird hiermit amtlich beglaubigt —

Mainz den 21ten December 1844

Der Bürgermeister
I. A.
Boegner
Beigeordneter

(L.S.)

(Abschrift No. IV)

Herr Mechaniker Julius Roemheld zu Cassel hat die Aufsicht nach der von ihm erfundenen bey Benj. Krebs in Frankfurt a/M erbauten Schriftsatz-Modell-Maschine in meinem Auftrage besorgt und dieselbe in mehreren Punkten wesentlich verbessert, beziehungsweise vereinfacht, worüber, sobald die Maschine in Gebrauch genommen seyn wird und dem Publikum zur Ansicht gestellt steht, die deßfallsige Veröffentlichung des Näheren hinnächst erfolgen wird.

Derselbe hat sich bey dieser und anderen Gelegenheiten als ein ausgezeichnet befähigter und talentvoller Mechaniker bewiesen und ist mir überdies als ein junger Mann von seltener Bescheidenheit, vorzüglichen Sitten und mit dem lebhaftesten Eifer für sein Fach erfüllt, bekannt.

Da er mich um ein Zeugniß zum Zwecke einer Bewerbung angegangen, kann ich ihm das Obige mit voller Gewissenhaftigkeit bezeugen.

Niederaula in Kurhessen
d. 27ten Dec. 1844

Theiß, Kurfürstl. Justiz-Beamter und der Mechanik und Akustik Liebhaber.

(L.S.)

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VI (Abschrift No. V.)

Herr Julius Roemheld, aus Darmstadt gebürtig, hat bei mir die practische Mechanik erlernt, hierauf vom 1ten Juni 1842 bis zum 31ten Januar 1843, als Gehülfe in meiner Werkstätten gearbeitet, und später, vom 22ten April 1844 bis zum 1ten Juli 1845, als Geschäfts-Vorstand mir zur Seite gestanden. Er verläßt seine jetzige Stellung nach eigenem Wunsche. Ich bedauere seinen Austritt, da seine weiteren Aussichten zu einer künftigen selbstständigen Existenz herbeigeführt haben. Ich verliere ihn auch sehr ungern. — Herr Roemheld hat sich stets durch Fleiß, Ausdauer und ein untadelhaftes Betragen ausgezeichnet. Er hat sich einen reichen Schatz theoretischer Kenntnisse, und vielseitige Bildung eigen gemacht, er besitzt in seltenem Grade das Talent, neue Constructionen im Bereich der practischen Mechanik anzugeben und sie mit großer Geschicklichkeit auszuführen. Er wird, auf der betretenen Bahn weiterschreitend, einst ein ausgezeichneter Künstler seines Vaterlandes werden. Meine herzlichsten Wünsche begleiten ihn. Möge er stets Anerkennung finden! —

Cassel d. 1ten Juli 1845.

F. W. Breithaupt
Hofmechanikus und Münzmeister
(L. S.)

Dz.

Taunton Nov 14. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas.

Sir.

Annexed we hand bill of 18 Kegs Spanches, Shipped on account Sch. Henry Dolan amounting to $1.382.40

We will thank you to Credit the amt. to our Invs. of 21st Ult. to Messrs H. M. Hooper & Co. Boston, in Exchange

Very Respectfully

Crocker & Brown.

Mint Office Nov 15, 1841.

Dear Sir,

The disappointment expressed in the letter of the 6th. Inst. which you have sent to me, regarding a deficit of gold from N. Carolina made at the Mint, is not at all surprising. There is always a considerable loss in melting amalgams; but the loss in this case was unusually great, being nearly 14 per cent. — A large amount of Amalgam-gold from N. Carolina has been recently brought to the Mint, which has also suffered unusual loss on melting. I cannot account for this change in the quality of the amalgams. In our parcels of melting there has been no change.

Yr. obt. Servt.
R. M. P.

John Hockley, Esq.
Cash. Bk. N. America.

Treasury of the US
20 Nov 1848

Sir,

Enclosed please find Transfer draft No. 754 for $120.000. – in your favor on Bullion a/c, on the Asst. Treasurer US. New York, which please pass to my credit on your Books on Bullion a/c

Respectfully
yr. obt. Svt.
W. Jewett
Treas. US.

Treasurer US. Mint
Philada

Taunton Nov 24. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas. Mint.

Annexed we hand
bill of 19 Kegs planchets, Shipped via
Boston, by Brig Empire -
We shall make another Shipment
this week -

Yours Very Respectfully
Crocker Bros & Co

U. S. Mint,
Philada Novr 21, 1845.

Sir,

I have this day recd from you, Treasury transfer draft No 7044 in my favor on the Asst Treasurer U. S. at N. Y. dated 20th inst. for One hundred and twenty thousand dollars, payable in foreign gold coins, which I will send for, in the usual manner, and when received, place to your credit on the books of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
(Signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treas.

To
Wm Selden Esq
Treas. U. States
Washington

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d ult., and also of the ~~fine~~ collection of Medals brought from Paris by Mr. Vattemare to the ~~Tr~~ Treasury Department for the United States Mint. The medals are master-pieces of skill and taste, and form a most valuable and welcome addition to our Cabinet.

Under the authority which you have given to me, I will ~~give to~~ place at the disposal of Mr. Vattemare, a complete series of the Coins of the United States, and of the medals struck at the Mint.

R. M. P.
Dir.

To/ McClintock Young, Esq.
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1848.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the valuable collection of Medals ~~heretofore~~ sent by you ~~late~~, from the French Government, to the United States Mint. They are masterpieces of skill and taste, and I can assure you that, for this valuable donation, we are sincerely grateful both to your ~~Country~~ Government and to yourself.

We will place in your hands, at such time as you may desire, a series of the coins of the United States, and of the Medals which have been struck at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. P.
Director.

To
Alexander Vattemare, Esq.

Washington Oct 2d. 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the collection of medals destined by the French Government for the important establishment of which you are the distinguished and able Director. Circumstances beyond my control have prevented my sending you at an earlier day these beautiful though inadequate tokens of the feelings of my beloved country towards your own.

One great object which I have in view is to make a collection of the works of American genius in every department which shall be to the old world the tangible proofs of the vast and rapid progress made by your country in literature, science & art. The enclosed letter from the Secretary of the Treasury will give you the necessary authority to make additions to this collection unobtainable from any other source, second to none in importance and beauty, and which will be in no harmony, I know, with your own feelings of enlightened patriotism.

I recollect with the highest pleasure the kindness with which you received nine years ago on my first visit to your beautiful city with a view of inviting her inhabitants to join in the great intellectual union of nations, of which it has pleased Providence to make me the humble and unworthy

advocate.

I remember likewise the encouraging words you were kind enough to address to me when, in a moment of discouragement, I complained of the apparent coldness with which my call was responded to. You told me that the calm & reflecting genius of Penn & of Franklin was still predominant in Pennsylvania, but that the moment your countrymen were as fully aware as yourself of the importance and usefulness of the design, their devotion and liberality towards the cause would be exceeded by none. I am happy in being able to tell you that the prediction has met its realization in the promptness, I might almost say the enthusiasm with which the Legislature of Pennsylvania received my proposals for the establishment of the System of International Exchange. In three hours after my arrival in Harrisburg, and on the last day of the Session, those proposals had by unanimous consent become a law! What may we not expect from good will like this?

I hope to have it in my power very soon to visit Philadelphia, but my stay there must necessarily be very short - one or two days at most - for I have already been detained in Washington nine months longer than I expected. I have yet much to do before the great objects of my self-imposed mission to your country can be accomplished. May I but live to see the full realization of the cause to which I have devoted my existence, and I shall resign it in peace.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
With sincere respect,
Your Friend & Obt Servt.

Alexander Vattemare

To/
R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

New York, Oct. 4th. 1848.

My Dear Sir,

Your favour of yesterday was duly received. I regret that the Black Lead Covers did not prove satisfactory.

You will please have them put aside, & I will remove them shortly, as I expect to visit Philadelphia soon.

When I shipped the Casks, the Captain, instead of taking them immediately on board the Vessel, permitted them to remain on the Wharf, some time, exposed to the rain.

I have been apprehensive therefore that the Black Lead Pots might have sustained some injury, and shall be happy to learn that my fears are groundless.

I presume however, that any dampness will be dissipated, by a careful annealing.

I enclose a Bill, receipted in duplicate, for the Pots & Crucibles.

Should you find it correct, please

Send me a Check on one of the Philadelphia Banks for the amount payable to my Order only, or authorize me to draw for the same on Dr. Patterson, as you may deem expedient

I am, Very Respectfully
Your Obed.t Serv.t
Jno. H. Eaton

Richd. S. McCulloh, Esq.
Actg. Dep.y Reg.r U.S. Mint.

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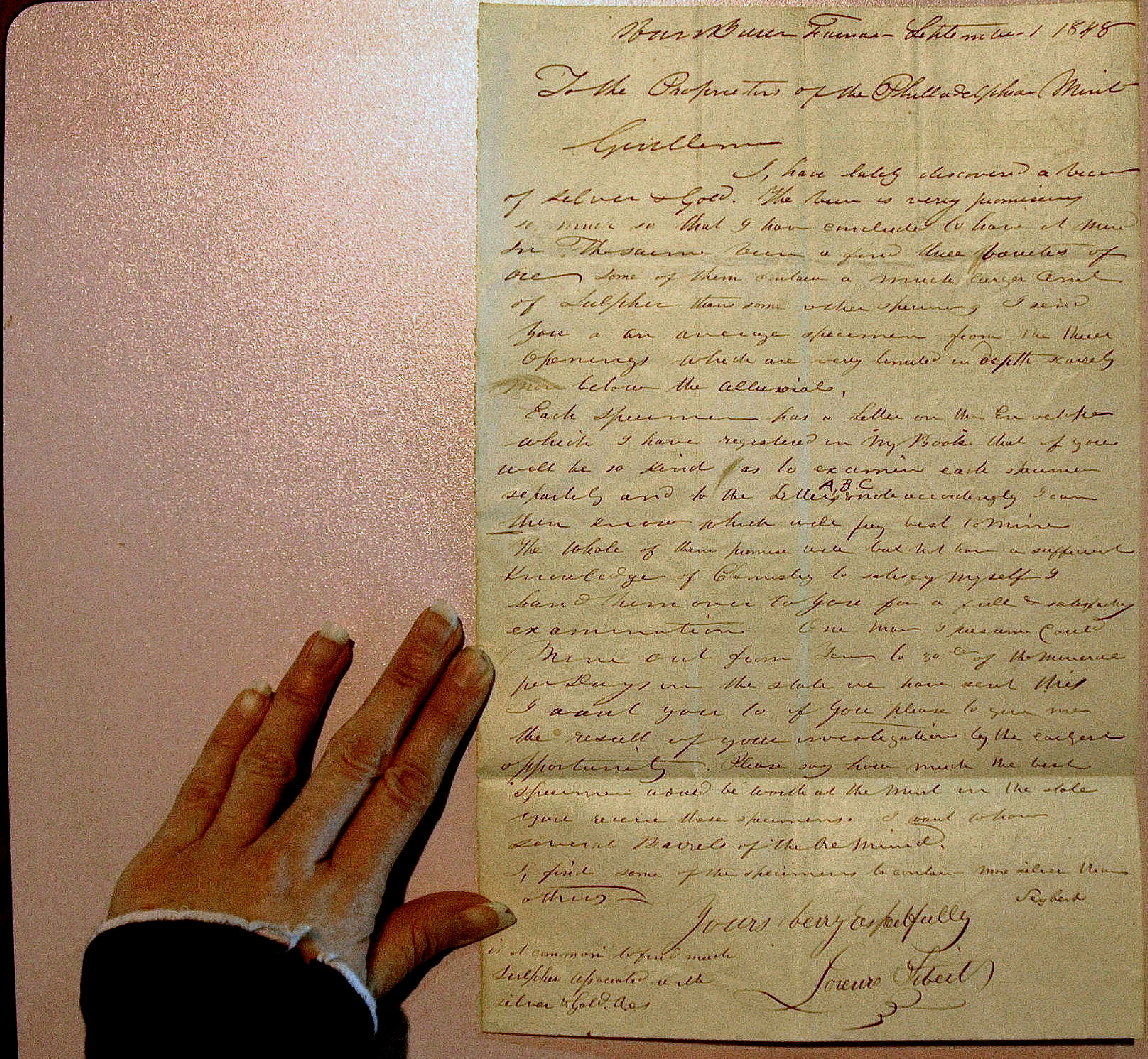

Van Buren Arkansas — September 1 1848

To the Proprietors of the Philladelphia Mint

Gentlemen

I, have lately discovered a vein
of Silver & Gold. The vein is very promising
so much so that I have concluded to have it min[ed]
[in] The same vein I find three qualities of
ore some of them contain a much larger amt
of Sulpher than some other specimens I send
you a an average specimen from the three
Openings which are very limited in depth scarcely
[...] below the alluvial,
Each Specimen has a letter on the Envelope
which I have registered in My Book that if you
will be so kind as to examine each specimen
separately and to the Letters A B C [...] accordingly I can
then know which will pay best to mine
The whole of them promise well but not having a sufficient
knowledge of Chemistry to satisfy myself I
hand them over to you for a full & satisfactory
examination One man I presume could
mine out from Ten to 30 [...] of the mineral
per Day, in the state we have sent this
I want you to if you please to give me
the result of your investigation by the earliest
opportunity. Please say how much the best
specimen would be worth at the Mint in the state
you receive these specimens. I want to know
several Barrels of the Ore mined.
I, find some of the specimens to contain more silver than
others

Seybert

Yours very respectfully

Lorenzo Seibel

is it common to find much
Sulphur associated with
silver & Gold Ores

Specie

Sir

Through Adams & Co's Express
You will receive
M T S A parcel containing 154 bags
one hundred & fifty four Sen Shaler fields
which we request you to have coined into
United States currency returning same
to us as early as possible

We are
Sir Very respectfully
Your obedt
Morgan Spencer

To The Director
of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

New York 13th Oct 1848.

Mint of the United States
1 Sept. 1845

Dear Sir,

I replyto your letter of the 25th instant the value of the metals of gold bullion and gold dust, I have to report State (in the absence of the Director) that the following & all deposites made at the Mint are carefully assayed and their full value as then determined paid to the depositor. Of course as deposites vary very greatly in the quantity of pure metal which they contain the return to the depositor is affected by such variations.

Very respectfully
your faithful servant

R. Patterson.

Richard Pollard
Warren Va

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, Sept. 1, 1848

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1850, may be prepared at your office and transmitted to this, as early as convenient for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17th of June, 1844, and to the Joint resolution of the 7th January 1846, relating to estimates to be laid before Congress.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper with margins of at least one inch in width, *that the same may be bound in volumes in this office.*

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

Daniel Graham

Register of the Treasury.

Robert M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

To. US Mint Philada
Richard Pollard, Esq Sept. 2, 1848
Warren, Va.

I was absent from the Mint yesterday when your letter of the 4th ultimo was received and therefore not answered. It is true that the questions which you ask did not admit of a specific answer but I hope that your company may be informed by the following notation.

Virgin Gold is remarkably steady in fineness and after melting is just worth about 95¢ per penny-weight. The value before melting day in the state of amalgam or dust, is of course variable to a deduction of 5% from the above weight and would fluctuate.

Very respectfully
R M Patterson
Director

Brooklyn Nov 12 1849

Mr R S McCulloh

Dear Sir

I find I cannot be in your City this next week I will give you for the Silver Swaps Thirty Seven ¾ for 1st Cost and for the gold Swaps Thirty four ¾ for dolls Cost your early answer will oblige yours

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Servant
Robt Longmaid

Silver Swaps - 37 ¾ P Cent
gold do 34 ¾ do do

Taunton Oct 4. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We have received your favor of the 2nd inst.

We shall use all despatch in forwarding the remainder of your last order for planchets, and also your additional order for 20 Tons, contained in your letter of the 2nd inst.

We are Respectfully

Your obt. Servts

Crocker & Brewster

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, Nov 4th 1846

Dear Sir,

I rec'd your letter of the 2nd inst, containing a statement of foreign gold coins, sent per Adams & Co's Express. I have also rec'd. the amount therein stated, viz $9,349.95, and have this day deposited the same to Adams & Co's American gold except $100. in half dimes as requested by you.

Your deposite exceeds $2.26/100 over the amount stated, being the mint value of which samples in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, I pass into the ordinary funds of the Mint, to be applied to the cost of transportation.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

(signed) James Ross Snowden
Supt. U.S. Mint

W. H. Marriott Esq.,
U.S. Depositary,
at Baltimore.

Sir!

Last Summer I took the liberty of presenting myself to you with the object of offering you my services as Assayer and refiner in the mint of your city. You had at the time no employment for me, but you made me hope that very probable in three months there would be an opening, of which you promised you would inform me. These time appears to me now elapsed, and supposing that under the pressure of your numerous occupations my request had escaped your recollection, I make free to address you these lines, in order to reiterate to you my solicitations for a situation.

I understand that the business of the mint has greatly increased of late, which no doubt made the employment of additional hands necessary; I feel therefore encouraged to the hope, that you may have occasion to engage my services which I hold at your disposal for any occupation, by which you deem I may be able to be most useful to the establishment; I trust that the long experience and the thorough knowledge I possess in my profession will enable me to give you full satisfaction.

My present situation here, besides being rather out of my line, is precarious, and as my wife has lately joined me from Europe, I feel the more desirous of finding such an employment as will secure to me a fixed and permanent support.

In the anxious expectation that you will favor me with a kind reply I remain Sir

Yours most respectfully

J. Van Voorst.

New-York. 5. November 1849

care of Mr. [illegible] New York.

Philada. Nov 6/48

J. R. Snowden Esqr
Treasr U.S. Mint

Dr Sir

Mr Jacob Stowe
Cashier of Ocean Bank, Newburyport
Mass, desired me to inform you,
when a vessel wld leave
for that place.
The Ichn Jeve,
Coast Boat, now lying at
the 2nd wharf above Chesnut
St, will leave for Newburyport,
on Thursday next.

Yrs very Sincy
Geo. A. Wood

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a., November 6. 1849.

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to my Bullion Account for the 3d. quarter of the present year, and in connexion therewith to my letter of the 26th. ulto. in reply to one from Mr Clark, your predecessor, on that subject. It is important that your action in this matter should be made known to me at as early a day as may be practicable, not only on acc^t. of the transactions of the last quarter, but because the accruing accounts of the current quarter will be affected thereby. I have reason to believe that an examination of the subject, in connexion with the changes, referred to in my former letter as directed by the Director of the Mint with the approbation of the Secy. of the Treasury, will lead you to the conclusion that no alteration is necessary as to the form in which my acc. was presented. And in order that you may have the whole subject before you, I have deemed it proper to transmit to you the account referred to, for your action thereon.

I am very resp^y.
Your Ob^t. S^t.

[illegible]

T. L. Smith, Esq.
1st. Auditor Treas^y. [illegible]
[illegible]

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Oct. Nov. 6, 1848.

Sir,

On the 20th ult., I had the honor to write and to you a copy of claims made by the late Capt. Caldwell on the one part, and Nat. Miller, Obadiah and Gilbert on the other part, for the award of $5000, agreed by consent of the Department, for the apprehension of Randal Robbins. This communication was accompanied by a written agreement of the parties to submit their claims to the opinion of Judge Story; and to abide by the award given by Judge Story in the case. To this award I asked for your approbation. Excuse me for again calling your attention to this matter. The parties interested are anxious to have the case finally settled.

R. M. P.
Dr.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treasury.

Treasury Department
Nov. 8. 1848.

Sir

Your communications of the 28th ult. and 6th instant have been received and you are authorised to pay the reward offered for the arrest of Randall Hutchinson (Dis #500) in conformity with the award of Judge Kane.

I am very Resp.

R. J. Walker

Sec. of the Treasury.

W. B. M. Patterson
Philada

Mont U.S. Phx Nov 8, 1845

Dear Sir,

[illegible]

To
Hon James Buchanan
Secretary of State

Mint U. S. Phila. Nov. 8, 1848

To- Hon
J. Buchanan
Secretary of State
Washington

Dear Sir—

I have taken the liberty of sending the enclosed letter to your Department, and I respectfully request that it may be sent to Mr. John Parrott, the U. S Consul at Mazatlan. The letter is on Page business connected with the Mint.

I have the honor to be most respectfully your faithful Servant.

R M Patterson
Director

New York Oct 31. 1848

Sir

We delivered at the Mint, thro' Messrs Adams & Co Oct 20 - Gold & Silver Bullion for your receipts No 652 & 255 - and were informed by A & Co that the values would be ascertained on the 27 instant. Will you please send us the usual Certificates, or are we to surrender the above named receipts before such Certificates are issued - if so we will send them per return mail -

Very respectfully
Yr Obt Servts
[illegible] & Co.

To The Treasurer of the
Mint of the U.S.
Philada

Canal Bank
Newburyport
October 31. 1848

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Dear Sir

Herewith my check
on Comm'l Bk. of Penn'a. for $1000.
I would request you to ship me by the
first opportunity
$200 in cents
500. in quarters
& 300. in dimes

Mr. Geo. A. Wood of
Phil'a. will send you word when a vessel is ready.

Yours very respectfully
Jacob Stone cash.

Please send me B/Lading when the shipment is made

Statement of Foreign Gold coin sent per Messrs Adams & Co's Express to the United States Mint at Philadelphia Nov. 2. 1848.

English	[illegible]	[illegible]	
No. 1	6237	5	5,913.56
2	2622	18	2,482.06
3	1003.	12	949.31
		Total	$9,344.93

Baltimore Nov. 2d 1848.

Received from Wm. H. Marriott Esq. Depositary at Baltimore the above noted three sealed bags said to contain Foreign Gold coin amounting to $9,344.93/100 which are to be delivered to the Treasurer of the United States Mint at Philadelphia the usual dangers only excepted.

Adams & Co

Depositary office
Baltimore Nov. 2. 1848.

Dr. Sir,

Above I send you a statement of, and Messrs Adams & Co's receipt for three bags containing English Gold coin amounting to the sum of Nine thousand, three hundred & forty four & 93/100 Dollars which are to be delivered to you to be recoined. You will add greatly to the many obligations that I am already under to you by returning the amount to this office as soon

as possible, one hundred dollars in half dimes for change and the balance in American Gold coin.

I remain very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

To
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

W. A. Marriott
Depositary

RG104 E-1 Box 27

To the Directs of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

D. Lee & Co / Paris
Buffalo Oct 25th 1841

Dear Sir

We remit $2.000
in drafts @ 5 days date. Can you send us that
sum? & if so, to whom shall we send a draft
for the same?

Your respectfully
W. H. Jones
Pres.

Will Mr Cleaver inquire, at any one of the Paris refineries, what are the prices for parting a mixture of gold and silver. Some years ago (our latest information) there were two rates: 1. where the mixed metal contained over one tenth of its weight in gold, the price was 6.12 fr. per kilog of the whole. 2. where the gold was less than one tenth, the charge was 3.27 fr. per kilog. — Also please to ascertain whether the charges are uniform in a long course of years, or whether they fluctuate. He will please to make his inquiries in such a way as not to lead to the belief that a competition is contemplated in this country. — Early information is very desirable.

Mr Cleaver also to inquire (elsewhere than at the refineries) what are the selling prices of sulphate of copper in large quantity.

The above inquiries were made of Saml. J. Fisher Esq. in a letter sent to him by the Director, Oct. 24, 1848.

Pittsburgh 24 Oct 1858

Treas. U. S. Mint
Phila.

D Sir

Enclosed we hand you Dft on Drexel & Co for One Hundred Dollars for which please send us amount in Cents.

We want them at earliest moment and would suggest your sending by Leech's Express —

Yours &c

F. H. Eaton & Co
62 4th St. Pittsburgh

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Treasurer &c

Dear [Sir] Above please find a corrected invoice for Planchets sent by us on the 13th inst

Yours respy &c J. H. [illegible]

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

26 Oct 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

The deposites at the Mint from 1 Mar 1845, to 30 Nov. 1848 were

Summary

		Bullion	Coins
From	1845.	683320	2.377.829
	1846.	705668	2,927,191
	1847.	596,293	14,027,324
To Nov 30	1848.	441,549	2,329,459
		2,426,830	21,691,863

Deposited by officials

which have been transferred	none	2,950,000 (4)
still on hand	none	8,513,181 (4)
Total by officials	none	11,463,181
Total by unofficial Depositors	2,426,830 (1) Question	10228,682 (2)

Copper Coinage in the period 197,716 (5)

Grand total — 23,822,065

Total 24,019,781 (6)

Gen. I × Ans. $2,426,830

Gen. II × Ans. $10,228,682

Gen. III × Ans. $ 8,513,181

Gen. IV × Ans. $ 2,950,000 24,118,693

Gen. V × Ans. $ 19,716

Gen. VI × Ans. $23,822,065 Gratsch
19,716 Opera
23,802,349 Ans

U. S. Mint
Philada Decr 4, 1848

Gentlemen

I have recd the 19 Kegs copper planchets you sent me per Brig Empire from Boston.

Very respy
Your obt Servt
(Signed)
Jas Ross Snowden
Treasr

Messrs Crocker Bros & Co
Taunton Mass.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1848.

Sir,

In reply to the inquiries made in your letter of the 28th ult., I have the honor to present the following statements, regarding the coinage at the Mint at Philadelphia, from the 1st of March 1845, to the 30th of November 1848.

1. Bullion & plate deposited by individuals and Banks, including all persons holding no official station	$ 2,426,830
2. Foreign coin received at the Mint deposited in the same manner	10,228,682
3. Amount in value deposited by officers of the government without transfer	8,513,181
4. Amount coined under transfer made by the government to the Mint	2,950,000
5. Amount in Copper coins	197,716
6. Total coinage at this Mint during the period in question	24,019,781

Very respectfully
your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson
Director

Hon R J Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

2d Dec 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esqr

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New York 11 Dec 1851

Director of the U.S. Mint
Phil.a

Sir

Having heard many extravagant and vague reports respecting Specimens of the California Gold already sent for Coinage to the Mint; I beg (and most respectfully) (that I may know something reliable) to Enquire if large amounts have reached your Department and whether it qualify for fineness in any way remarkable?

The intense excitement upon this subject is the only apology I can offer you, for troubling you at this time

With much respect
I am Obt Sert
Chas A Gayler

Chas. A. Gayler

Taunton Dec. 1. 1848.

James Ross Snowden Esq

Treas. U. S. Mint

Sir

We are in receipt of yours of the 25th ult.

You will please ship the amount of our two invoices of 21st Oct. & 11th November, to Messrs. H. N. Hooper & Co Boston

Yours very Resp'y

Crocker Bros. & Co.

Mint U.S. Dec. 2, 1848.

Sir,

We will comply with your request for $500 worth of half cents, in exchange for that value in foreign coins, either of silver or gold, — but the former will be suspended. We return, for the deposit, its actual value, as ascertained by weight and assays, — not by the Custom-house valuation, which is, in fact, generally a little less than ours.

R. M. P.

Dr

To/
Geo. A. Lade, Esq.

Mint U.S. Phila. Dec. 1, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult., in which you ask answers to a series of questions regarding the Coinage at the Mint, from the 1st of March 1845 to the 30th of November 1848.

Immediate attention has been given to this subject, and the statement which you ask will be communicated as early a day as practicable

R. M. P.

D.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treasury.

Office Asst. Treas. R.R.C.
Rochester N.Y. Nov 29. 1848

Supt. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Will you Exchange for gold or any Foreign Coin at Custom house Value, Five hundred Dollars in half dimes —

Please advise me what kinds of Coin I shall send you in Exchange —

Very Respt.
Yr. Obt. Svt
Geo. A. Leete

Boston 29th [illegible]

Mr. J. Ross Snowden

Treas.r

Sir

Yr favor of 18th ult

covering bill of lading of twenty nine Casks Copper

Coin, was duly rec.d —

The coin came to hand on the

29th ult. & in consequence of an oversight have

not before acknowledged its receipt — the amount

is placed to Crocker Bro. & Co. acct

Respectfully yrs

Henry S. [illegible] & Co

New York, Nov. 28th. 1843

My Dear Sir,

By the following Cards for the Charlotte Branch Mint, viz

12 Blk. D. pcls No. 10
10 Do Do 25
30 " " 30
10 " " 35

I shipped the 12 No. 10 from Phila. about two weeks since.

I intended to ship the remainder from New York.

I find however that I have no 30s of 35s, neither are there any in the Market. Of 25s I have any quantity, of which I will ship any number you may desire.

Believe me, Dear Sir, Yours Truly
Jos. W. Freeman.

R. M. Patterson, Esq. M.D.
Director of the Mint.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

27 Novr 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive One Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

R. M. Patterson Esqr

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Treasury Department
Nov.r 28.th 1848

Sir,

You will please transmit to this Department, at the earliest practicable period, the following statements.

1.st How much bullion and plate, have been coined at the Mint at Philadelphia, from the 1.st of March 1845. to the 31.st November 1848, deposited by individuals and banks, including all persons holding no official station.

2.d How much foreign coin has been coined at the Mint at Philadelphia, during the same period, deposited in the same manner.

3.d The amount in value, coined during the same period, at the Mint at Philadelphia, deposited by Officers of the Government. (coinage for)

4.th The amount coined during the same period at Philadelphia, under transfers made by the Government.

5.th The coinage of the Mint at Philadelphia, during the same period, divided from any other coinage, describing the same.—

6.th The total amount of coinage during the same period at Philadelphia.—

D.r R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint, Philad.a.—

Very resp.y Your Obed.t Ser.t
R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

U. S. Mint,
Philada November 26, 1828.

Sir,

I herewith forward you, the "Weekly Statement" ending this day, exhibiting the State of the Balances and public Money deposited in the Mint, by the Treasurer of the U. States.

Very respt
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) Jas Ross Snowden
Treasr

496.115.30

The Secretary
of the Treasury
Washington

U. S. Mint Philada. Nov 25/48

Sir,

Your favor of the 23 inst. is recd and also per Adams & Co the amount of foreign gold coin therein stated was $50,000. Not having a sufficient amount of American gold in my hand, I cannot send today the whole amount. I send per Adams & Co in Eagles as requested $25,000. the balance I will forward as soon as possible, say in the early part of next week.

I am very resp.
Your obt Servt,

(signed) Jas Ross Snowden
Treas

Hon. Henry Hubbard
Asst Treas U. S. at Boston

DISSOLUTION.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of S. Hiler & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs will be closed by the undersigned, **GEO. A. HOYT**, who is authorized to collect all debts due to the late firm.

SELAH HILER,

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Treas &c

Dear Sir

Above please find invoice for 8 Kegs Copper Planchets this day sent by Packet.

We should like the returns of the above as soon as convenient.

Mr. H. will probably complete the ballance of the order

Respectfully Yours &c

Nov. 25. 1848

S. Hiler & Co.

DISSOLUTION.

The Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of S. Hiler & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs will be closed by the undersigned. **GEO. A. HOYT,** *who is authorized to collect all debts due to the late firm.*

SULAH HILER,

GEO. A. HOYT.

NEW-YORK, November 15, 1848.

The business of manufacturing **STAIR RODS** *and* **COPPER RIVETS,** *heretofore carried on by the late firm of S. Hiler & Co., will be hereafter conducted by the undersigned, at the same place, upon his own account.*

S. HILER,

Nos. 67 and 69 FORSYTH STREET.

November 15, 1848.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

U.S. Mint
Nov. 25/68

Dear Sir,

I rec'd. your letter of the 23d inst and also per Adams & Co the amt of foreign gold coins there stated, viz $120.000

Very resp.
Yours &c.
(signed) James R. Snowden
Treasurer

To
Hon. Wm. C. Bouck,
Asst. Treas. U.S.
N.Y.

Assistant Treasurer's Office
Boston Nov. 23. 1848

James R. Snowden Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Sir

Send by Adams & Co.
($50.000) Fifty thousand dollars in Forgn
Gold. Please return like amount in
Eagles —

Very Respectfully
Your
Henry Hubbard
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston.

STATEMENT

...ions of Coin, from the commencement of its operations, until the 31st of December, 18 , inclusive.

...R.			COPPER.				TOTAL.		
...lf-dimes.	Total Silver Coinage.		Cents.	Half-cents.	Total Copper Coinage.		WHOLE COINAGE.		Periods.
	Number.	Value.			Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	
Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	
86,416	614,351	370,683 80	1,066,033	142,534	1,208,567	11,373 00	1,834,420	453,541 80	1793 1794
10,230	116,097	79,077 50	974,700	115,480	1,090,180	10,324 40	1,219,370	192,129 40	1796
44,527	77,816	12,591 45	897,510	107,048	1,004,558	9,510 34	1,095,165	125,524 29	1797
–	353,086	330,291 00	979,700	–	979,700	9,797 00	1,368,241	545,698 00	1798
–	423,515	423,515 00	904,585	12,167	916,752	9,106 68	1,365,681	645,906 68	1799
24,000	266,680	224,296 00	2,822,175	211,530	3,033,705	29,279 40	3,337,972	571,335 40	1800
33,910	153,293	74,758 00	1,3 12,837	–	1,362,837	13,628 37	1,571,390	510,956 37	1801
13,010	95,525	58,343 00	3,435,100	14,366	3,449,466	34,422 83	3,615,869	516,075 83	1802
37,850	168,669	87,118 00	2,471,353	97,900	2,569,253	25,203 03	2,780,830	370,698 53	1803
–	191,092	100,340 50	756,838	1,055,312	1,812,150	12,844 94	2,046,839	371,827 94	1804
15,600	469,817	149,388 50	941,116	814,464	1,755,580	13,483 48	2,260,361	333,239 48	1805
–	1,045,760	471,319 00	348,000	356,000	704,000	5,260 00	1,815,409	801,084 00	1806
–	1,437,219	597,448 75	727,221	476,000	1,203,221	9,652 21	2,731,345	1,044,595 96	1807
–	1,368,600	684,300 00	1,109,000	400,000	1,509,000	13,090 00	2,935,888	982,055 00	1808
–	1,450,520	707,376 00	222,867	1,154,572	1,377,439	8,001 53	2,861,834	884,752 53	1809
–	1,282,631	638,773 50	1,458,500	215,000	1,673,500	15,660 00	3,056,418	1,155,868 50	1810
–	1,268,824	608,340 00	218,025	63,140	281,165	2,495 95	1,649,570	1,168,740 95	1811
–	1,628,059	814,029 50	1,075,500	–	1,075,500	10,755 00	2,761,646	1,115,819 50	1812
–	1,241,903	620,951 50	418,000	–	418,000	4,180 00	1,755,331	1,102,371 50	1813
–	1,460,575	561,687 50	357,830	–	357,830	3,578 30	1,833,859	643,535 80	1814
–	69,232	17,308 00	–	–	–	–	69,867	20,483 00	1815
–	67,153	28,575 75	2,820,982	–	2,820,982	28,209 82	2,888,135	56,785 57	1816
–	1,215,567	607,783 50	3,948,400	–	3,948,400	39,484 00	5,163,967	647,267 50	1817
–	2,321,496	1,070,454 50	3,167,000	–	3,167,000	31,670 00	5,537,084	1,345,064 50	1818
–	2,352,000	1,140,000 00	2,671,000	–	2,671,000	26,710 00	5,074,723	1,425,325 00	1819
–	1,821,153	501,680 70	4,407,550	–	4,407,550	44,075 50	6,492,509	1,864,786 20	1820
–	2,709,160	825,762 45	389,000	–	389,000	3,890 00	3,139,249	1,018,977 45	1821
–	1,723,653	805,806 50	2,072,339	–	2,072,339	20,723 39	3,813,788	915,509 89	1822
–	2,152,000	895,550 00	–	–	–	–	2,166,485	967,975 00	1823
–	3,504,954	1,752,477 00	1,262,000	–	1,262,000	12,620 00	4,786,894	1,858,297 00	1824
–	3,621,166	1,564,583 00	1,461,100	63,000	1,524,100	14,926 00	5,178,760	1,735,894 00	1825
–	4,004,180	2,002,090 00	1,517,425	234,000	1,751,425				

	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	–	5,495,400	4,000	1,215,000	[illegible]	6,712,400	2,869,200 00	2,357,732	–	2,357,732	23,577 32	9,097,845	3,024,343 32	1827
1828	–	28,029	–	28,029	140,145 00	–	3,075,200	102,000	125,000		3,302,200	1,575,600 00	2,260,624	606,000	2,866,624	25,636 24	6,196,853	1,741,381 24	1828
1829	–	57,442	3,403	60,845	295,717 50	–	3,712,156	–	770,000	1,2[illegible],000	5,712,156	1,994,578 00	1,414,500	487,000	1,901,500	16,580 00	7,674,501	2,306,875 50	1829
1830	–	126,351	4,540	130,891	643,105 00	–	4,764,800	–	510,000	1,2[illegible],000	6,514,800	2,495,400 00	1,711,500	–	1,711,500	17,115 00	8,357,191	3,155,620 00	1830
1831	–	140,594	4,520	145,114	714,270 00	–	5,873,660	398,000	771,350	1,24[illegible],700	8,285,710	3,175,600 00	3,359,260	2,200	3,361,460	33,603 60	11,792,284	3,923,473 60	1831
1832	–	157,487	4,400	161,887	798,435 00	–	4,797,000	320,000	522,500	96[illegible],000	6,604,500	2,579,000 00	2,362,000	–	2,362,000	23,620 00	9,128,387	3,401,055 00	1832
1833	–	193,630	4,160	197,790	978,550 00	–	5,206,000	156,000	485,000	1,37[illegible],000	7,217,000	2,759,000 00	2,739,000	154,000	2,893,000	28,160 00	10,307,790	3,765,710 00	1833
1834	–	732,169	117,370	849,539	3,954,270 00	–	6,412,004	286,000	635,000	1,18[illegible],000	8,813,004	3,415,002 00	1,855,100	120,000	1,975,100	19,151 00	11,637,643	7,388,423 00	1834
1835	–	371,534	131,402	502,936	2,186,175 00	–	5,352,006	1,952,000	1,410,000	2,76[illegible],000	11,474,006	3,443,003 00	3,87[illegible],400	141,000	4,019,400	39,489 00	15,996,342	5,668,667 00	1835
1836	–	553,147	547,986	1,101,133	4,135,700 00	1,000	6,546,200	472,000	1,190,000	1,90[illegible],000	10,109,200	3,606,100 00	2,111,000	398,000	2,509,000	23,100 00	13,719,333	7,764,900 00	1836
1837	–	207,121	45,080	252,201	1,148,305 00	–	3,629,820	252,400	1,042,000	2,275,000	7,200,220	2,096,010 00	5,558,300	–	5,558,300	55,583 00	13,010,721	3,299,898 00	1837
1838	7,200	286,588	47,030	340,818	1,622,515 00	–	3,546,000	832,000	1,992,500	2,255,000	8,625,500	2,293,000 00	6,370,200	–	6,370,200	63,702 00	15,336,518	3,979,217 00	1838
1839	38,248	118,143	27,021	183,412	1,040,747 50	300	3,334,561	491,146	1,053,115	1,069,150	5,948,272	1,949,136 00	3,128,661	–	3,128,661	31,286 61	9,260,345	3,021,170 11	1839
1840	47,338	137,382	18,859	203,579	1,207,437 50	61,005	1,435,008	188,127	1,358,580	1,34[illegible],085	4,386,805	1,028,603 00	2,462,700	–	2,462,700	24,627 00	7,053,084	2,260,667 50	1840
1841	63,131	15,833	–	78,964	710,475 00	173,000	310,000	120,000	1,622,500	1,150,000	3,375,500	577,750 00	1,597,367	–	1,597,367	15,973 67	5,051,831	1,304,198 67	1841
Total	288,509	4,491,780	995,010	5,775,299	27,831,515.00	1,674,822	96,523,562	7,323,302	18,888,795	22,547,478	144,957,959	54,683,681.90	89,430,030	7,440,713	96,870,703	931,503.86	247,604,001	83,446,700.76	Total
1842	81,507	27,578	2,823	111,908	960,017.50	184,618	2,012,764	88,000	1,887,500	815,000	4,987,882	1,442,500	2,383,390	–	2,383,390	23,833.90	7,483,180	2,426,351.40	1842
Total	370,016	4,519,358	997,833	5,887,207	28,791,532.50	1,859,440	98,536,326	7,411,302	20,776,295	23,362,478	149,945,841	56,126,181.90	91,813,420	7,440,713	99,254,133	955,337.76	255,087,181	85,873,052.16	Total
1843	75,462	611,205	100,546	787,213	4,062,010.–	165,100	3,844,000	645,600	1,370,000	1,165,000	7,189,700	2,443,750.–	2,428,320	–	2,428,320	24,283.20	10,405,233	6,530,043.20	1843
Total	445,478	5,130,563	1,098,379	6,674,420	32,853,542.50	2,024,540	102,380,326	8,056,902	22,146,295	22,527,478	157,135,541	58,569,931.90	94,241,740	7,440,713	101,682,453	979,620.96	265,492,414	92,403,005.36	Total
1844	6,361	340,370	6,784	353,515	1,782,420.–	20,000	1,766,000	421,200	72,500	430,000	2,709,700	1,037,052.–	2,397,752	–	2,397,752	23,977.52	5,460,967	2,843,447.52	1844
Total	451,839	5,470,933	1,105,163	7,027,935	34,635,962.50	2,044,540	104,146,326	8,478,102	22,218,795	22,957,478	159,845,241	59,606,981.90	96,639,492	7,440,713	104,080,205	1,003,598.48	270,953,381	95,246,545.88	Total
1845.	26,153	417,099	91,051	534,303	2,574,652.50	24,500	589,000	922,000	1,755,000	1,564,000	4,554,500	803,200.–	3,894,804	–	3,894,804	38,948.04	9,283,607	3,416,300.54	1845
Total	477,992	5,888,032	1,196,214	7,562,238	37,210,615.00	2,069,040	104,735,326	9,400,102	23,973,795	24,521,478	164,399,741	60,410,181.90	100,534,296	7,440,713	107,975,009	1,042,546.52	280,236,988	98,663,343.42	Total
1846.	20,095	395,942	21,598	437,635	2,234,655.00	110,600	2,210,000	510,000	31,300	27,000	2,388,900	1,347,580.00	4,120,800	–	4,120,800	41,208.00	7,447,336	3,623,445.00	1846
1847.	862,264	919,781	29,814	1,811,859	13,296,080.00	140,750	1,156,000	734,000	245,000	1,274,000	3,549,750	990,450.00	6,183,669	–	6,183,669	61,836.69	11,545,278	14,348,366.69	1847
Total	1,360,351	7,203,755	1,247,626	9,811,732	52,741,350.00	2,320,390	108,101,326	10,644,102	24,250,095	25,822,478	171,138,391	62,748,211.90	110,838,765	7,440,713	118,279,478	1,145,391.21	299,229,601	116,351,153.11	Total
1848.	145,484	260,775	8,886	415,145	2,780,930.00	15,000	580,000	146,000	451,500	668,000	1,860,500	430,050.00	645,799	–	645,799	6,457.99	869,[illegible]	326,537.99	1848.

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TABULAR

Of the amount of **Coinage** *at the* **Mint of the United States,** *in the several denomina*

Periods.	GOLD.					SILVE				
	Eagles.	Half-eagles.	Quarter-eagles.	Total Gold Coinage. Number.	Total Gold Coinage. Value.	Dollars.	Half-dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	H
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	
1793										
1794	2,795	8,707	–	11,502	71,485 00	204,791	323,144	–	–	
1795										
1796	6,934	6,196	963	14,093	102,737 50	72,920	3,918	5,894	22,135	
1797	8,823	3,609	859	13,291	103,432 50	7,776	–	252	25,261	
1798	7,974	24,867	614	33,455	205,610 00	327,536	–	–	27,550	
1799	17,483	7,451	480	25,414	213,285 00	423,515	–	–	–	
1800	25,965	11,622	–	37,587	317,760 00	220,920	–	–	21,760	
1801	29,254	26,006	–	55,260	422,570 00	54,454	30,289	–	34,640	
1802	15,090	53,176	2,612	70,878	423,310 00	41,650	29,890	–	10,975	
1803	8,979	33,506	423	42,908	258,377 50	66,064	31,715	–	33,040	
1804	9,795	30,475	3,327	43,597	258,642 50	19,570	156,519	6,738	8,265	
1805	–	33,183	1,781	34,964	170,367 50	321	211,722	121,394	120,780	
1806	–	64,093	1,616	65,709	324,505 00	–	839,576	206,124	–	
1807	–	84,093	6,812	90,905	437,495 00	–	1,051,576	220,643	165,000	
1808	–	55,578	2,710	58,288	284,665 00	–	1,368,600	–	–	
1809	–	33,875	–	33,875	169,375 00	–	1,405,810	–	44,710	
1810	–	100,287	–	100,287	501,435 00	–	1,276,276	–	6,355	
1811	–	99,581	–	99,581	497,905 00	–	1,203,644	–	65,180	
1812	–	58,087	–	58,087	290,435 00	–	1,628,059	–	–	
1813	–	95,428	–	95,428	477,140 00	–	1,241,903	–	–	
1814	–	15,454	–	15,454	77,270 00	–	1,039,075	–	421,500	
1815	–	635	–	635	3,175 00	–	–	69,232	–	
1816	–	–	–	–	–	–	47,150	20,003	–	
1817	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,215,567	–	–	
1818	–	48,588	–	48,588	242,940 00	–	1,960,322	361,174	–	
1819	–	51,723	–	51,723	258,615 00	–	2,208,000	144,000	–	
1820	–	263,806	–	263,806	1,319,030 00	–	751,122	127,444	942,587	
1821	–	34,641	6,448	41,089	189,325 00	–	1,305,797	216,851	1,186,512	
1822	–	17,796	–	17,796	88,980 00	–	1,559,573	64,080	100,000	
1823	–	14,485	–	14,485	72,425 00	–	1,694,200	17,800	440,000	
1824	–	17,340	2,600	19,940	93,200 00	–	3,504,954	–	–	
1825	–	29,060	4,434	33,494	156,385 00	–	2,943,166	168,000	510,000	
1826	–	18,069	760	18,829	92,245 00	–	4,004,180	–	–	
1827	–	24,913	2,800	27,713	131,565 00	–	–	–	–	

(Private.)

U. S. Schr. C. Dec. 27, 1845

Sir,

I am able at last to send you the enclosed report. It has been delayed by the great anxiety of our Officers to make this result of unbounded accuracy. The yield of the Black Sand was so excessive as to alarm them; but their astonishment has been greatly removed by the enclosed report of Capt. Fothergill.

I beg you to lay my official letter of this date for that of the 21st, and the report of Mess. Eckfeldt and DuBois, for that of Mr. Eckfeldt sent before. So that you will please to return me the report of Prof. Booth.

R. M. P.

Hon. W. L. Marcy,
Secy. War.

I herewith transmit to

If it is desired to [illegible] how this or
compare with that obtained from
most celebrated mines of quicksilver in the
world. I have to observe that not having had
occasion to determine the quantity by our assays
trials, we find upon the authority of books,
that the mines of Almaden in Spain, yield
on an average ten per cent, the ore is
to be very rateful; at Idria, ores containing
only one per cent. are worked, altho' they are
found in all proportions, from
that low percentage up to eighty.

I need hardly add that the importance of the
discovery in California is greatly enhanced by the
nearness of a constant & absorbing market; large
quantities of quicksilver being required for the
amalgamation of precious ores in Mexico,
where there are no mercurial mines.
I oblige

Mint U.S. Phil. 21 Oct 1845

Sir,

I have shortly but the honor of answering in part the questions asked in your letter of the 8th inst. regarding the specimens of gold, platina, and cinnabar from California, sent to this Mint by Lieut Mowry.

I have the satisfaction of communicating further information in the subjoined report, furnished to me by Mr. J. R. Eckfeldt, Assayer of this Mint, and Professor Jno. G. Booth a distinguished Chemist of this city. This results as to the quality of the cinnabar are very satisfactory, and should it be obtainable in quantities by existing authorities in the State it appears, like the mines of almaden in Spain, gold in the ratio of ten per cent of mercury, and at Idria was containing only one per cent, or less, although they are found in all proportions, from that to five per cent & 80. The importance of this discovery in California is greatly enhanced by the existence of a constant and absorbing market. Large quantities of mercury being required for the amalgamation of silver ores in Mexico

R m P.

D.

Hon. Mr. L. Mowry
&c. &c. &c.
Washington

Hon. S. Dana
Washington City

Sir,

I herewith transmit you the quarterly statement, exhibiting the state of the Bullion and public moneys deposited in the Mints by the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respy
Your Obedt Servt

(Signed) Jas. R. Snowden
Treasr

To
Hon. Secretary
Treasury Department
Washington

Assay Office, U. S. Mint,
December 26. 1848.

Sir,

The specimen of native cinnabar from California, forwarded to the Mint by the Secretary of War, has been examined here, as to its ~~product~~ transitory yield in metallic mercury. Taking a ~~portion~~ section of the ore, which included the red, white, and brown layers, the red predominating, there was obtained by the process of distillation, thirty-one per cent. of mercury. The portion treated might be considered as a favorable working specimen; ~~the part of the same lump would have afforded better~~ or ~~and more results.~~

Some inquiries which were made in respect to the substances accompanying the gold of California, may here be replied to. — First, as to the platinum. This metal is evidently present,

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and can be seen with the naked eye, amongst the spangles of gold, and in a similar form. A small quantity (about four grains in weight) was forwarded from the War Department, and was found to be of the specific gravity of 18; being of course debased somewhat by the intimate mixture of mineral matter, not removable by washing. We have not yet determined accurately what amount of this metal appears with the gold deposited for coinage. Owing partly to its known intractability in the furnace, and partly to its crude condition, it is scarcely at all fused with the gold, but is to be seen, after the melting, in its original form, dotted upon the surface of the gold bars. What does enter into combination with the gold, is scarcely appreciable, and does not disturb the assay, or deteriorate the metal for coining or manufacturing purposes; and this was a material point of inquiry. Taking it all together, whether fused or not, our present impression is, that it exists in but small relative quantity, and will not be worth seeking after, for its own sake.

Next, as to other alloying metals: it may be said, that practically the only alloy of this gold, is silver; of which we find, on the average, 104 parts in a thousand. The gold yielding 894, there is a remainder of ten thousandths, which is nearly or entirely copper. A trace of iridium was manifest upon some of the cornets; but we have reason to believe it is a trace only.

In the last place, we have to mention an examination of some samples of said gold interspersed with gold, also forwarded by the War Department. Of this there were two parcels. The first, weighing in all about 8½ pennyweights, was first reduced in bulk by removing the grains of magnetic iron, and then subjected to a smelting in the small way, cupellation; The result of the whole treatment was as follows:

Gold,	9.8 parts in a thousand.
Silver, combined with the gold	1.2
Protoxide of iron, (magnetic)	597.2
Residue, consisting of chiefly peroxide of iron & silicious matter	392.8
	1000.0

This would be equal to 68.75 grains fine gold, or 77.07 grains of gold of native fineness, in a pound avoirdupois of the sand.

The other parcel was treated in two ways, both differing from the former. First, we took a specific quantity weighed by milliparmes, (equal to about 11½ drops) and having cleaned it by the magnet, subjected the remainder to a ~~very~~ thorough amalgamation, ~~of course without reference to expense~~ of ~~pasteinds~~. The amount of fine gold obtained, was 12.44 parts per thousand. — Again, the same quantity of sand was carefully washed, (more time being taken to it than would be likely to pay, in a large operation,) and there resulted 12.05 parts of fine gold, per thousand. — To give capellation its due credit, we must remark, that this second parcel was evidently the richest, to the eye. The specific gravity of the black sand, without the gold, is 4.4, nearly the same as that of simple magnetic iron.

How far these results may be interesting to the public, or important to the miner, it is not easy to say. If it were the true state of the case, that there was nothing to do but to shovel up an auriferous sand, which by proper treatment would yield one thousand to twelve hundred dollars a bushel, this would indeed be as startling a disclosure as any which has emanated from Californian soil. But what we had reason to believe, in reference to this matter, is confirmed by an official letter of Capt. Folsom, published in the Washington Union of the 23rd inst., from which we beg to extract a few lines. — "The fine gold ~~with the sand~~ causes it to remain behind." [illegible]

It thus appears that the obtaining of this rich sand is almost the last of concentric operations, and that our experiments upon it, although curious, and of value as far as they go, afford no definite indication of the richness of the mining ground; since it does not appear how many pans full, or bushels, of the original earth, must have been wrought upon, to obtain a given quantity of this black sand. — Moreover, it is well known, that no mode of treatment, however skilful and scientific, has so far enabled gold-miners to make a near approach, in a large operation, to the result obtained by a delicate assay; that is, not without its costing more than it would be worth. —

There are so many conditions to be weighed, such a difference of composition in layers or masses of the sand even at short intervals of space, and such a choice in the adaptation of

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extracting processes, that no opinion should be
ventured, from slight materials, as to the proper
productiveness, or the probable permanency, of the
mining interest in that remarkable region.

With great respect
your faithful servts.

Jacob R. Eckfeldt,
Assayer.

William E. DuBois,
Asst Assayer.

The Director of the Mint

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Moorfield Hardy Co Dec 25th 1848

Dear Sir

I have discovered a mineral of stuff which is inclosed in a piece of paper this is made up it runs in vains in a slate rock the vains is about one inch thick there is a grate quantity of it in dust in the rock which may be speraited very easily by washing it in water there is a quantity of sulphur raises in the vains it is in a small stream of water I wish you to try it if there is a suffishent quantity and if not I wish you to send me word whether you think it is worth comeing to see about if you please I deem it unnesary to say enny more about it as it may be found in abundance I would like for you to send me word how to manage it if it should be of eny account if you please. I would have paid the portage on this letter but I did not want it to get aspred about before I new whether it was of eny account or not. James. B. Smith

Washington Dec. 23. 1848

Dear Doct.

I thank you for your kind adoption of the nomination.

Will you let me know what six silver medals of the pattern of the inclosed, would cost.

All the good wishes of the Season. Yours truly

A. D. Bache

Doct. R. M. Patterson.

Director U.S. Mint

Estimate.

1 Pair of dies hardened & polished complete ... $25.

6 Pure silver medals @ $2. ... 12.

$37

The dies will strike an indefinite number of Medals.

TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

23 Dec 1848.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive one Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt and return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Snowden Esq

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it; should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft, or in the endorsement that assigns it to him—taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses.

U. S. Mint
Phila Dec 13, 1848.

To.
G. L. Oldfield Jr.
Baltimore

Sir – In answer to your letter of yesterday I have to state that we cannot now furnish dimes and half dimes at the Mint except in returns for deposits in silver bullion or foreign silver coins.

Respectfully
R M Patterson
Director

U.S. Mint,
Philada. December 23 1848

Sir,

I forward to you herewith the weekly Statement ending this day, with a cancelled voucher, shewing the state of the Bullion and public money deposited in the Mint, by the Treasurer of the U. States.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) Jas. Ross Snowden
Treasurer

War Department
Washington December 23d. 1848

Sir,

Your private note of yesterday has come to hand, and in reply to it I have to state that I am not able to give much information in relation to the phial of black sand which I sent to you. It is described in Colonel Mason's letter to be "sand found in washing gold which contains small particles." The label accompanying the specimen is of precisely the same import. I have three other specimens of the black sand. One of them appears to have less gold mixed with it than in that you have. It was not accompanied by any description. There is also another quantity with a larger mixture, and a 3d. appears to be nearly a third part gold. The two first were taken from the "Mormon diggings," and the third from "the North fork of the American fork." The foregoing is all the information I can give you on the subject.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

P.S. From a further examination of the specimens I find one marked No 6. described as "sand from which the gold separated." I have directed this to be carefully wrapped up and sent herewith.
W. L. M.

Philadelphia, 1848

DEPOSITES.

Gold: U. S. Coins, Old Standard. (Dollars.)	Gold: Foreign Coins. (Dollars.)	Gold: U. S. Bullion. (Dollars.)	Gold: Foreign Bullion. (Dollars.)	Gold: TOTAL. (Dollars.)	Silver: Foreign Coins. (Dollars.)	Silver: Foreign Bullion. (Dollars.)	Silver: U. S. Bullion. (Dollars.)	Silver: TOTAL. (Dollars.)	Total: Gold and Silver. (Dollars.)
1149	20244727	3581	9383	21741287	19877774	928	312	2117799	23539066
4434	11222564	6239	7445	12445161	3083064	650	385	3186244	15630010
445	13033327	35640	5199	17161627	730234	2360	704	1056654	18218511
2711	24476297	27054	18689	29721697	1666643	3030	291	1992543	31720240
1569	2457196	9046	15036	3522296	1781225	13973	455	3227025	5749321
2491	4117174	26818	4598	8057894	590736	1599	117	1062336	9120210
331237	12706307	1106610	362123	14506256	2113461	1722499	32204	3874664	18382931
65	18233375	27570	300415	21103296	4332365	1441433	32605	6326902	27160192
805426	27723344	2713264	605491	41332765	3508703	148445	12323	3669475	45552241
378	16700663	1213580	905645	15553235	299242	6683904	32375	7013524	22574759
1253305	45294334	763140	91612	46402411	5003326	406440	23334	5433120	51335536
360	11200221	4921479	4156333	20344033	7031048	324745	253314	9614307	28015340
28003 68	2182540 43	241543 78	132378 74	2584459 63	324537 66	131004 65	6,198 73	466732 09	3051191 72

COINAGE.

Gold: Eagles. (Pieces.)	Gold: Half eagles. (Pieces.)	Gold: Quarter eagles. (Pieces.)	Gold: Value. (Dollars.)	Silver: Dollars. (Pieces.)	Silver: Half dollars. (Pieces.)	Silver: Quarter dollars. (Pieces.)	Silver: Dimes. (Pieces.)	Silver: Half dimes. (Pieces.)	Silver: Value. (Dollars.)	Copper: Cents. (Pieces.)	Copper: Half cents. (Pieces.)	Copper: Value. (Dolls. Cts.)	Total: Number. (Pieces.)	Total: Value. (Dolls. Cts.)
145,474	260,775	8,556	2,780,930	15,000	580,000	146,000	451,500	668,000	420,050	6,415,799		64,157.99	8691444	3265137.99

Philadelphia, June 5th, 1848.

Dr. To SIMON MUDGE,
No. 246, High Street.
Office, No. 11, South Eleventh St.

United States Mint

COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR MIDDLE WARD, FOR **1848.**

	RATES.	COUNTY. 50 cts per $100.	STATE. 30 cts per $100	POOR. 18 cts per $100	TOTAL.
Estate on Chestnut St	80,000	400.00	240.00	144.00	$784.00

22d 1848

R.M. Patterson

To— U.S. Mint Phila Pa.
J. R. Eckfeldt, Assayer Dec. 22 1848
U.S. Mint

Dear Sir—

I will thank you to afford me an opportunity of correcting or revising my report to you of yesterday upon the California gold metals; particularly that ~~part~~ portion which relates to the ——— in which a ——— was found. The vial contained ——— on the vial marked ——— but not ——— Labeled when spoken of in the letter to the Secretary of ———. We had an impression from inquiries of his to Colonel Cooper that the ——— was readily ——— had been used by the gold ——— and thereon aside and this impression was strengthened by the appearance of the portion submitted for further consideration and especially upon examination of what remained in the vial we concluded that this must be the gold ——— another different but ——— it is very desirable to make another experiment upon that ——— which seems to be richer than the part which has been tested.

My investigation will be concluded as early as possible and I shall then offer you a report to be substituted for the other which I desire may be cancelled.

Very respectfully
Jacob R Eckfeldt

To the Director of the Mint

Sir— Perhaps it may be in the power of the Secretary of War to state definitely ———.

Confidential

New York 29th December 1848

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We contemplate an arrangement with Dr Jos. H. Tarnum, with whom we believe you are well acquainted – the testimonials which this Gentleman has exhibited, and among them, one from yourself, are of a high character – but as the mission which we have in view, is one of entire trust, we take the liberty of asking the favor of your opinion, not only of the capacity of Dr Tarnum, but also, whether we may rest with entire Confidence in his character and trustworthiness. We are thus particular in our enquiries, because, in making an engagement such as we propose

with Dr. Farnum we desire that it shall be
one of mutual Confidence — and you may be
assured that your reply will be considered
by us as strictly Confidential.

Very truly
Respectfully yours

Howland & Aspinwall

U. S. Mint
Phila. Dec. 21 1868.

Jo. 1
Lewis Feuchtwanger
New York.

Sir — Our specimen of platinum from California was composed of a few spangles of this metal weighing 7/8 about 4 grains. It is of course out of my power to comply with your request.

Very respectfully
R. M. Patterson

Lion Feuchtwanger
Neuyork

New York Dec 2. 1848

T. R. Patterson M.D.
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Presuming that Platina in its crude state will now be deposited in the Mint or may be obtained by the separation of Gold, I would beg you to spare me a few ounces of such residue or any other crude Platina ore for the purpose of analysis in order to ascertain whether the same contains any osmium, Iridium or what else it contains.

Should you have any on hand, I will please to send me per Express what you can spare & I will pay any charges.

Respectfully Your obt Svt

Lewis Feuchtwanger

Lewis Feuchtwanger

To-
U.S. Mint Phila
Dec. 20, 1848
Dr Jos. W. Farnum
Newyork
(Private)

Dear Sir - I have received your letter of the 18th inst. and it has induced me to write a private letter to the Secretary of the Treasury urging action without delay. I will lose no time in giving you any information that I may receive in the case.

very truly yrs.
R M Patterson
Director

(Private)

Dear Sir, N. Y. Aug 20th 1848

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By Jos. W. Farnum
New York.

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Trenton Dec 19. 1838.

James Roosevelt Bowden Esq.

Treas: U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We are in receipt of yours favor of the 14th inst.

We take this opportunity to say, that owing to the large amount of specie we furnished you, for some time past, in exchange for Coin, & to our not selling the Coin below the par value, we find - after diligently using the regular demand in our large Cities - that our stock from gradual accumulation, is now quite large -

Under these circumstances, having invested upwards of $20.000. in Coin, we should feel much relieved by your crediting Us on our Invoices, & your Convenience, instead of increasing our present stock of Coin -

Please write us; at your convenience on the subject -

Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

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U. S. Mint,
Philada December 19, 1846.

Gentlemen,

I have yours of the 11th inst.
covering a receipted invoice for 18 Rep. copies
Manuals, & Bank Guide, which has not
yet arrived. Please inform me, by return of
mail, to whom you wish payment made
for ~~the~~ your invoice of Nov 18 & Dec. 2 ~~amounting~~ 12 lb.
~~for three on Bank Guides~~, as I desire to settle
for them before the close of the quarter.

Very resp.
Your Obt Servt

(Signed) Jas Ross Snowden
Supt

Private

New York, Dec. 18th. 1848

My Dear Sir,

I have just received a Letter from Col. Benton, of which the following is a Copy.

Washington City, Dec. 16th. 1848

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday is just received, and in answer to it I have to assure you of the great pleasure I should take in promoting your application if the place you mention is still vacant; but I know enough of removals to know that the successor is generally provided before the vacancy is made.

Of this fact I would suggest to you to turn your views towards California, where there must soon be a Mint, even without law, if none is passed by Congress.

I send you a Map & Memoir of California & Oregon which will give the best information upon that region.

Yours truly, Thomas H. Benton.

Howland & Aspinwall have made a proposal to me to go to California on their account. ~~partly~~.
I have declined entertaining any proposition, however, until I know the result of the application for New Orleans.
When the appointment is ~~x~~ determined, you will please, as soon as convenient, communicate the result, whether favourable to me or not.

Believe me, Ever Truly,
Yours.
Jos. H. Farnum.

Hon. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Private.

New York, Dec. 15th. 1848

My Dear Sir,

I feel very grateful for what you have done in my behalf, as intimated in your letter of yesterday.

I have written to Col. Benton, Mr. Calhoun & Gov. McDowell soliciting their influence in my behalf.

I have also requested Dr. Draper, Dr. Hare & Prof. Henry to write to the Secretary of the Treasury. Should I succeed, I shall be able to leave for New Orleans immediately.

Believe me, Ever,
Truly Yours.
Jon. W. Forman.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Mint [illegible] Phila. Dec. 16 1848

Dear Sir,

The gold coin yielded, two dollars and seventy cents (2.70) above your statement, but the silver coin produced ~~les~~ four dollars and forty nine cents (4.49) less than the amount stated. accordingly your aggregate deposit falls short, ~~the amount stated~~ [illegible] the sum of one dollar and seventy nine cents. I forwarded to day per Adams & Co. the amount of your deposits $37,994.86.

~~[illegible]~~ I send the coin you requested except the dollar coin, not having on hand any of those denominations, I sent the sum of $3,000 in half dollars.

The statements [illegible] the ~~detailed~~ value of the deposits in detail, were given to Messrs Adams & Co.

Very [illegible]
Your [illegible]
J. Ross Snowden
Treas.

[illegible] Hall
[illegible]

Recd.

Washington Dec. 15. 1848.

Dear Sir

If your list is not made out of visitors for the annual assay at the mint, will it be possible to invite Professor Johnson of Middletown Conn.

A. D. Mr Holmes of the H. of Reps. called here to-day to ask that I would place Prof. J's name before you, & I do so with the desire if it may be that he should be one of your commission. You know him as a chemist & Mr. H. speaks highly of him as a gentleman & scholar.

Yours truly

Dr. R. M. Patterson A. D. Bache.

Treasury of the United States
Decem^r 15th 1848

Sir

I have this day issued two transfer Drafts in favor of the Treasurer of the United States, Viz
N° 759. on the Treasurer of the Mint at Phil^a for $ 100,000- on Bullion Acc^t
N° 760. on the Assistant Treasurer at Phil^a for $ 100,000- both of which payable in American Gold Coin -

I am respectfy
Your Obed^t Servt
W Jelin
Treasurer U.S

The Treasurer of the Mint
at Philadelphia

44,177

[illegible] accounts,
as Treasurer of the Board, remain so long
unsettled is a source of deep anxiety to me.
Permit me once more to ask your
attention to the subject, as your earliest convenience.
I am satisfied that your other pressing duties
which I know are of an onerous and laborious
character, have prevented your earlier attention
to the subject: but the near approach of the
close of the year renders a settlement
of my accounts of the first importance.
I have the Honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt Servt

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Treasurer

Hon. J. Wolf. Cutbush
&c. &c. &c.

363. Oz 2/p abs Gold dust
to be deposited in U S Mint
Phila a Certificate to be ret.d
to order Wm Dillon Boston—

If you can get the Coin immediately
Mr H would like it if not return
the Certificate forthwith as Mr
H wants to Convert it into Cash

Canon

Boston Dec 15/48

Have the Letter Kigs ret.d

Salem 14 Dec

J Eckerman Esq

I sent you yesterday 545 oz
of dust & now send 2 boxes
containing 433 oz when
ready please deliver Mess
Hoandenobe on their order
& oblige R Brookhouse

Taunton Dec 14. 1838.

James Ross Providence.

Mess.

Dear Sirs.

Annexed we

bill of 18 kegs planchets, shipped

by Bark Gerard for Boston, amt

to $1.382 40/100 —

& acct.

Yours

Very Respectfully

Crocker Bro. & Co

Coinage of 1848.

1848	Eagles	Hf. Eagles	Qu. Eagles	Dollars	Hf Dollars	Qu. Dolls	Dimes	Hf dimes	Gold pieces	Silver pieces	Value of Gold	Value of Silver
Jany	36100	20600			34000				56700	34000	464000.—	17000.—
Feby		17000							17000		85000.—	
March	2600	40803							43403		230015.—	
April	13643	22640	6127		34000				47410	34000	264917.50	17000.—
May		25232			62000	64000			25232	126000	126160.	47000.—
June	7973	7800						106000	15773	106000	118730	5300.—
July		26683			50000		137,000	190000	26683	377000	133415.	48200.—
Augt	7779	9450			60000				17189	60000	124640.	30000.—
Sept	15280	42941			114000		132500	217000	58221	463500	367505.	81100.—
Octr	10000	11502				48000			21502	48000	157510.—	12000.—
Novr	29937	21388			138000				51325	138000	406310.—	69000.—
											2478232.50	326600
Decr	22212	14736	2759	15000	88000	34000	182000	155000	39707	474000	302697.50	93450
	145,484	260,775	8886	15,000	580,000	146,000	451,500	668,000	415,145	1,860,500	2780930.00	420,05

Aggregate Coinage f. 1848 $ 3,265,137.99

Cents 6,415,799 — $ 64,157.99

(Private)

Wash Navy Dept
Dec. 13th/68

Sir,

The results of the examinations which we have made of the Coal from California have been reported to the Secretary of the Navy, and he will no doubt communicate them to the public without delay. I fear that it might be considered a breach of official courtesy ~~which I should be committed~~ if I were to anticipate his action in this respect.

Your obedient Servant
D. D. P.

Chas. A. Farley Esq
New York

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 13, 1848.

Sir,

I have understood that Dr. J. L. Riddell has been removed from his office of Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans; I beg leave most respectfully to recommend, through you, to the President, an individual to fill the place, for whom entire competency, respectability and fidelity, I can confidently pledge myself. This gentleman is Dr. Joseph W. Farnum, now resident in New York. In March 1837, Dr. Farnum, then Professor of Chemistry in Washington College Virginia, was appointed, by Gen. Jackson, Assayer of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega: an office which required of him also the duties of Melter & Refiner. This place he filled, ~~& filled~~ for several years, to entire satisfaction, when, to my regret, he resigned it, as the Mint lost his valuable services: to be resumed, as I sincerely hope, in another quarter.

I send inclosed a recommendation in favor of Dr. Farnum, by the Assayer of the Mint, who had, in ~~this official~~ the discharge of their official duties, constant opportunities of judging of his skill and accuracy, both as Assayer and Melter & Refiner. That we have very

be lost, I confess myself, at present, to know what testimonials. But if these are needed they can be readily obtained.

R. M. T.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Dec. 12, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., brought by Lieut. Colonel Cooper, with specimens of gold, platina, and cinnabar from California.

Col. Cooper has returned to you with all the information immediately required as to the parcels of gold which you sent. Our operations on a still larger deposite, from the same region, have led to the following results, which I have reported to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The fineness of the California gold varied from 892 to 897 thousandths; the average of the whole being 894. This is nearly equal to the standard of our coin, which is 900. The average value, per ounce Troy, of the bullion before melting, is $18.05⅓; that of the same in bars after melting is $18.48.

Your instructions with regard to the gold shall be carefully attended to.

The ~~specimens of sand~~ grains which you ~~sent~~ marked Platina, ~~is not~~ are found to be ~~really~~ of this useful metal, ~~as is proved~~ by their ~~its~~ having the ~~high~~ specific gravity of 18, which is high for ~~crude grains~~ the metal in this form.

An analysis of the Cinnabar brought by Colonel Cooper is undertaken by an Assayer Mr. Eckfeldt, and also by Prof. Booth. The results shall be made known to you as soon as they are obtained.

R. Mint

D. —

To
Hon. W. L. Marcy
Secretary of War.

The gold was of two sorts in external character, tho' apparently not different as to quality: the first, from the "dry diggings" being in pretty large grains, ~~of which~~ averaging perhaps one ⌀ to the dwt.; the other variety, from the swamps or margins of the streams, being in small flat spangles; of which, on an average, it would take 6⌀ or 7⌀ to weigh one grain. These however are but the coarser particles in gold washings, & it is evident that the finer dust has been entirely lost in the ~~crude operation~~ crudity of the operation.-

The gold was melted in ~~four~~ six parcels, one of which was from the Secretary of War, the other five from a private Depositor, from Boston; the size of the melts ranging from about 240 to 440 ⌀z, and by far the larger proportion being of the variety of small spangles, or "wet diggings." The variation of fineness was from 892 to 897 thousandths; the average was 894½, ~~Linj~~ The whole value of gold from the two sources was $36,492, besides a few ounces reserved in the native state for the Secretary, at his request.

The alloying metal is entirely silver, excepting about one-thousandth of copper, and a minute portion of platinum, the amt. of which we have not yet had time to ascertain with precision.

The loss in melting, that is, the amount of earthy & oxidable matter which disappeared in that operation, averaged about 2⅓ per cent. of the original weight; showing that the bullion was in quite a clean condition. — The average value per ounce troy, of the bullion before melting, is $ 18.05⅓ ; of the same in bars, after melting, $ 18.50 per ounce.

U. S. Mint,
Phila.a December 12, 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a Statement Shewing the weight, fineness and value of the California gold, brought by Col. Cooper to the Mint pursuant to your direction. One pound (troy) of the grains, as requested by you, was sent to Washington by Col. Cooper. The amount deposited at the Mint, it was deemed proper, should be entered as an Ordinary deposit in your name, and subject to the usual routine of the Mint. It will be paid on your order and the return of the Bullion receipt given to Col. Cooper. As intimated by you, in your letter to the Director of the Mint, a portion of the amount can be reserved for Medals, and the balance paid in Coin to such person as you may direct. Whatever Cooperation will be required on my part to carry out your excellent suggestions will be promptly given.

I have the honor to be
Very respt. Your Obedt. Svt.
(Signed)
James Ross Snowden
Supt. U. S. Mint

Hon. W. L. Marcy
Secy. of War.

U. S. Mint,
Philada Dec. 11. 1848

Dear Sir,

I enclose you the Statement of the Value of Gold deposited at the Mint, from California. You will see approximate that of Standard gold, which is 900 (1000) and the aggregate value is $32,581.41

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

(signed) Jas. Ross Snowde
Coin.

Mr. David Lauder
Balto.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 11, 1848.

Sir,

On the 8th inst., we received, as I have already had the honor to inform you, the first deposite of gold from California. It was deposited by Mr. David Carter, who brought it from San Francisco, by the Isthmus route. It weighed 1804.59 ounces Troy, of which 1423.80 was from the Lower surface mines, and 380.79 from those at Feather River. ~~It was all composed of grains, and dust. The grains from the former location were larger and of deeper color than those from Feather River, which were smaller brighter [illegible]~~ On the 9th inst., another deposite was received sent by the Secretary of War, which weighed 228 oz.

The gold was of two sorts ~~as to~~ in external character, though apparently not different as to quality. The first, from the "dry diggings," was in grains which averaged ~~about~~ from one to ~~[illegible]~~ two dwts. The other variety, from the swamps or margins of the streams, being in small flat spangles, of which, on an average, it would take 6 or 7 to weigh one grain. Of these by far the larger part of the ~~The gold was mostly in this form~~, deposites was composed.

The gold was melted in six parcels, and the loss by melting, due to the earthy and oxidable matter which disappears in this operation, averaged about 2½ per cent of the original weight. The loss thus reported is moderate, and shows that the gold ~~was in a clean condition~~ had been carefully washed.

Assays of the melted gold were made with great care, and the results showed a variation in fineness from 892 to 897 thousandths; the average of the whole being 894. This is slightly below the standard fineness, which is 900.

The average value per ounce, of the bullion before melting is $18.05½; that of the same in bars after melting is $18.50.

The whole value of the gold in the two deposits was $36,492, besides a few ounces reserved in the native state, for the Secretary of ~~the~~ War, at his request.

R. M. P.
Dir

To/
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas.

RG104 E-1 Box 27

Taunton Dec 9. 1838.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir

Annexed we hand inv. of 18 Kegs planchets shipped from Boston pr Brig [illegible], amounting to $1.382.40 which we have receipted. We also enclose B/Lading of the same.

Yours very Respy

Crocker Bro. & Co.

War Department,
Washington Decm 8. 1818

Sir,

I have received several specimens of the gold recently discovered in Cabarrus, and Lieutenant Colonel Cooper, who is the bearer of this letter, will place six grains thereof a quantity of this metal for the purpose of having it assayed. As doubts exist in the minds of some as to its being gold, I hope it will be in your power to resolve them at once and furnish me, through him, with the result of your examination as far as respects its genuineness. You will oblige me in procuring a more full and satisfactory report I desire it at an early period.

I have sent the process of ascertaining the exact weight of the specimens sent the large quantity - that in the Caddy - & a collection from the various localities where the metal is found. The note which accompanies it states it weight to be 230 ounces 15 pennyweights and 9 grains, but I presume it will be found to fall short of that quantity, as some of the finer particles have sifted out notwithstanding the precautions taken to guard against loss. In order to have a specimen of it here, I request you to detain one pound of it, or about that quantity, & Colonel Cooper to bring back.

If the metal is found to be pure gold, as I doubt not it will be, I request you to

ceive enough of it for the two medals ordered by Congress and not yet completed, and the remainder, with the exception of one or two small bars, I wish to have coined and sent with the bars to this Department. As many persons desire to procure specimens of coin made of the California gold, by exchanging other coin for it, I would suggest that it be made into quarter eagles with a distinguishing mark on each, if any variation from the ordinary issues from the mint would be proper and could be conveniently made.

I send you a specimen of metal also from California, very small in quantity marked Platina, which I request you to test and report the result. As much curiosity exists as to the character quality & qualities variety of Native mineral, I respectfully request that your final report may be such as will furnish the fullest information on the subject.

I also send by Colonel Cooper a quantity of Cinnabar obtained not far from the place where the gold is found, in the hope that you have at the mint the means of ascertaining the percentage of quicksilver it contains. Your report on this ore will also be highly interesting to the public. I hope to be favored with the result of your examinations of this specimen as soon as it can be conveniently prepared.

Very Respy Yr Obed. Servt
W.L. L. Marcy
Secretary of War

Dr. A. D. Patterson,
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Private.

Mint of the United States,
Dec. 8, 1848.

Dear Sir,

We have received, this morning, the first deposite of gold from California. It weighed ~~[illegible]~~ 1804.59 ounces, of which 1423.80 was from the [illegible] mines, & 380.79 from [illegible]. It seems to be of excellent quality, but its true fineness has not yet been ascertained. When it is assayed, I will let you know the result. It is composed entirely of grains and dust. It was deposited by Mr. David ~~[illegible]~~ Carter, who brought it from ~~California~~ San Francisco, by the Isthmus route.

Most truly & respectfully,
your friend & Servant,
R. M. Patterson.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

New York Dec 7th 1848.

Dear Sir,

Your favour of yesterday was duly received.

Before leaving Philada I shipped to the care of Messrs. Chambers & White, Charleston, for the Charlotte B. Mint a Box containing 12 6 lb. lead pots No. 10 @ 2½ cts. p. No. = $3.

I forwarded a Bill of Lading to Messrs Chambers & White, but neglected to take a duplicate.

triplicates

I generally take Bills of Lading but neglected it, in this instance, on account of the small value.

It is hardly worth while to draw for so small an amt.

The next time I visit Philada I will present the Bill.

I have the honour to be
Yours &c.

Jos. H. Farnum

Mr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint.

Oneida Bank
Utica 5 Dec. 1848

R. M. Patterson Esq
Mint U.S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir

I have directed the Cashier of the Bank of the State of New York at New York to furnish you for the Banks One thousand dollars in foreign Silver Coin for which I want $800 in dimes & $200 in half dimes forwarded to this care as early as convenient

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

B W Lansing Cash

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